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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. GRAND

Royal Arch Chapter

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

AT THE

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION HELD IN MERIDEN,

NOVEMBER 1, A. I. 2370 A. D. 1870.

AND THE

13th ANNUAL CONVOCATION HELD IN NEW HAVEN,

MAY 9, A. I. 2401. A. D. 1871.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut.

Nov. 1st, A. I. 2400, A. D. 1870.

The semi-annual convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, was held in the city of Meriden, on the 1st day of November, A. I. 2400, A. D. 1870, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., with the following

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN H. BARLOW,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. CHARLES W. STEARNS,	Deputy Grand High Priest
E. WM. W. LEE,	Grand King.
E. STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Grand Secretary.
	Grand Chaplain.
EDMUND TWEEDY,	Grand Captain of the Host.
WM. H. WESTWOOD,	as Grand Principal Sojourner.
JAMES H. LEEDS,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
W. B. CARGILL,	as Grand Master of 3d Veil.
H. W. COYE,	Grand Master of 2d Veil.
CHESTER TILDEN, JR.,	as Grand Master of 1st Veil
E. HARWOOD,	Grand Sentinel.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions J. K. Wheeler and N. G. Hinckley a committee on credentials, who, having examined the certificates submitted to them, reported that the following Companions were entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, as

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

<i>Hiram Chapter,</i>	No. 1—Not represented.
Newtown,	
<i>Franklin “</i>	“ 2—*Geo. W. Conkling, H. P.
New Haven,	Chas. W. Skiff, K.
	*H. G. Bronson, S.
<i>Solomon “</i>	“ 3—John H. Barlow, H. P.
Derby,	
<i>Franklin “</i>	“ 4—Not represented.
Norwich,	
<i>Washington “</i>	“ 6—Lucius E. Maynard, H. P.
	Seth H. Plumb, K.
	Flavel N. Bliss, S.
<i>Union “</i>	“ 7—H. W. Morgan, H. P.
New London,	
<i>Trinity “</i>	“ 9—Chester Tilden, Jr., H. P.
Willimantic,	David C. Card, K.
<i>Rittenhouse “</i>	“ 11—Dwight Waugh, H. P.
Stamford,	Geo. L. Lownds, K.
	Wm. H. Adair, S.
<i>Warren “</i>	“ 12—Erastus H. Wells, H. P.
Killingly,	
<i>Jerusalem “</i>	“ 13—
Bridgeport,	*Stephen T. Bartlett, K.
	*Wilfred E. Norton, S.
<i>Meridian “</i>	“ 15—Amos Beecher, H. P.
Winsted,	C. R. Lathrop, K.
	*Dwight Phelps, S.

<i>Darius</i> “	No. 16—William Demming, H. P.
Litchfield,	
<i>Pythagoras</i> “	“ 17—N. G. Hinckley, H. P.
Hartford,	*William Knox, K.
	*Geo. H. Newton, S.
<i>Adoniram</i> “	“ 18—H. W. Coye, H. P.
Rockville,	
<i>Jerusalem</i> “	“ 19—Not represented.
Ridgefield,	
<i>Lafayette</i> “	“ 20—Not represented.
Granby,	
<i>Benevolence</i> “	“ 21—Not represented.
Mystic River.	
<i>Eureka</i> “	“ 22—W. B. Cargill, H. P.
Waterbury,	James E. Coer, K.
<i>Eureka</i> “	“ 23—Edmund Tweedy, H. P.
Danbury,	
<i>Washington</i> “	“ 24—A. C. Golding, H. P.
Norwalk,	
<i>Giddings</i> “	“ 25—Wm. Freeston, H. P.
New Britain,	Gideon Robinson, K.
	*J. O. Demming, S.
<i>Pulaski</i> “	“ 26—Not represented.
Fair Haven,	
<i>Keystone</i> “	“ 27—Wm. H. Westwood, H. P.
West Meriden,	Allen Upson, K.
	Edwin Hibbard, S.
<i>Palmer</i> “	“ 28—Thomas Vincent, H. P.
Westerly, R. I.,	*Isaac F. Burdick, K.
	Thomas O. Wilcox, S.
<i>Burning Bush,</i>	“ 29—Wm. H. Doane, H. P.
Essex,	*H. B. Smith, K.
	*Wm. Hough, S.
<i>Washington</i> “	“ 30—*John H. Norton, H. P.
Suffield,	*Newton S. Pomroy, K.
	Matthew T. Newton, S.
<i>Columbia</i> “	“ 31—Not represented.
Collinsville,	

<i>Pequabuck</i> “	“ 32—Not represented.
Bristol.	
<i>Ousatonic</i> “	“ 33—Jarvis Polly, H. P.
New Milford,	
	A. H. McMahon, S.
(* Proxies.)	

On motion of Companion Stearns, the report of the committee on credentials was accepted, and left open for further additions and corrections. On motion of Companion Stearns, it was also voted that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to visit the Grand Chapter during its present session.

Companion W. B. Cargill presented the petition of sundry Companions residing in the town of Thomaston, and in the jurisdiction of Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, asking that the town of Thomaston be included in the jurisdiction of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, at Waterbury, which was accepted, and referred to the following special committee, viz., Companions W. W. Lee, Dwight Waugh, and C. W. Skiff.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the several degrees.

Keystone Chapter, No. 27, was then opened by its proper officers, when the work and lectures of the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, were fully exemplified, under the immediate supervision of the Grand Officers.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was then called from refreshment to labor, officers in their respective stations, as at the opening.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following Chapters had not been represented at the present convocation of the Grand Chapter, viz.. Hiram No. 1, of Newtown, Franklin, No.

4, of Norwich, Jerusalem, No. 19, of Ridgefield, Lafayette, No. 20, of Granby, Benevolence, No. 21, of Mystic River, Pulaski, No. 26, of Fair Haven, Columbia, No. 31, of Collinsville, and Pequabuck, No. 32, of Bristol, when on motion of Companion Stearns, it was

Voted. That the said delinquent Chapters be referred to the committee on delinquencies, to be raised at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary, Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, presented his credentials, as Grand Representative for the M. E. Grand Chapter of Missouri, to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which were accepted, and Companion Wheeler was received with the usual masonic civilities, as the accredited representative for the Grand Chapter of Missouri, and invited to the Grand East.

On motion of Companion W. W. Lee, it was voted that the sum of three dollars be paid the Grand Tyler.

Companion W. W. Lee, from the special committee on petition of sundry Companions residing in the town of Thomaston, submitted the following report which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

We, the undersigned, the special committee to whom was referred a petition of certain Companions residing in Thomaston, (town of Plymouth) would submit the following as their report.

That as we are unable at the present time to hear but one side of the question, (owing to the absence of the representatives of Pequabuck Chapter) would recommend that the whole matter be referred to the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and that in the mean time, the M. E. Grand High Priest, or such officer as he may appoint, be requested to visit Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, and endeavor to amicably settle the matter between the two Chapters, without further legislation by this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. LEE,
DWIGHT WAUGH, } *Com mittee.*
CHAS. W. SKIFF. }

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was closed in ample form, with solemn ceremonies.

ATTEST,

J. D. Wheeler
G. Sec.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut.

May 9th, A. I. 2401, A. D. 1871.

At the seventy-third Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of Connecticut, held at the Temple in the City of New Haven, on Tuesday, May 9th, A. I., 2401, A. D., 1871, the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Representatives were present.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. JOHN H. BARLOW,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. CHARLES W. STEARNS,	Deputy Grand High Priest
E. WM. W. LEE,	Grand King.
E. STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. GEORGE LEE,	Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH K. WHEELER.	Grand Secretary.
CYRUS GOODELL,	Grand Chaplain.
EDMUND TWEEDY,	Grand Captain of the Host.
I. W. CARPENTER,	as Grand Principal Sojourner.
	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN N. LEWIS,	Grand Master of 3d Veil.
H. W. COYE,	Grand Master of 2d Veil.
A. R. BLAKESLEE,	Grand Master of 1st Veil
CHARLES E. HOOGHKIRK,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

P. G. H. P. LUKE A. LOCKWOOD, and P. G. H. P. CYRUS
GOODELL.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with appropriate ceremonies, and prayer by Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions J. K. Wheeler and A. C. Golding a committee on credentials, who, having examined the returns and certificates of proxy submitted to them, reported that the following Companions were entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, as

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

<i>Hiram Chapter,</i>	No.	1—Not represented.	
<i>Franklin</i> “	“	2—H. H. Lane, N. A. Wilcox, Horatio G. Bronson,	H. P. King. Scribe.
<i>Solomon</i> “	“	3—J. H. Barlow, Henry Bradley, A. F. Sherwood,	H. P. King. Scribe.
<i>Franklin</i> “	“	4—Increase W. Carpenter,	Scribe.
<i>Washington</i> “	“	6—Seth H. Plumb, J. V. Adams, G. R. Burdick,	H. P. King. Scribe.
<i>Union</i> “	“	7—Alfred Fenwick,	H. P.
<i>Trinity</i> “	“	9—David C. Card, Joel W. Backus, Henry A. Larkin,	H. P. King. Scribe.
<i>Rittenhouse</i> “	“	11—Dwight Waugh,	H. P.
<i>Warren</i> “	“	12—E. H. Wells, *O. P. Jacobs,	H. P. King.
<i>Jerusalem</i> “	“	13—D. C. Mills, Charles D. Milliken *Wm. H. Lord,	H. P. King. Scribe

<i>Meridian Chapter, No.</i>	15	C. R. Lathrop,	H. P.
		*Dwight Phelps,	King.
		*F. F. Coe,	Scribe.
<i>Darius</i>	"	" 16—William Demming,	H. P.
		*A. B. Shumway,	Scribe.
<i>Pythagoras</i>	"	" 17—John H. Bingham,	H. P.
		*George Lee,	King.
		*Jos. K. Wheeler,	Scribe.
<i>Adoniram</i>	"	" 18—H. W. Coye,	H. P.
		*Edward Shelton,	King.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	"	" 19—H. K. Scott,	H. P.
		*Edward L. Keeler,	King.
<i>Lafayette</i>	"	" 20—Edmund Holcomb,	H. P.
		T. B. Goodwin,	King.
<i>Benevolence</i>	"	" 21 —*I. R. Gavitt,	H. P.
		*W. S. Fish,	Scribe.
<i>Eureka</i>	"	" 22—W. B. Cargill,	H. P.
		James B. Coer,	King.
<i>Eureka</i>	"	" 23—Joseph Treadwell,	H. P.
		*James B. Baldwin,	King.
		*Edmund Tweedy,	Scribe.
<i>Washington</i>	"	" 24—Robert M. Wilcox,	H. P.
		*Wm. W. Storey,	King.
		*Augustus C. Golding,	Scribe.
<i>Giddings</i>	"	" 25—Wm. Freeston,	H. P.
<i>Pulaski</i>	"	" 26—J. R. Hunt,	H. P.
<i>Keystone</i>	"	" 27—Wm. H. Westwood,	H. P.
		Edwin Hibbard,	King.
		Collins Upson,	Scribe.
<i>Palmer</i>	"	" 28—Thomas Vincent,	H. P.
		R. Taylor Church,	King.
<i>Burning Bush,</i>	"	" 29—Wm. H. Doane,	H. P.
		*Joseph R. Johnson,	Scribe.
<i>Washington</i>	"	" 30—*T. J. McKenzie,	H. P.
		John M. Hatheway,	King.
<i>Columbia</i>	"	" 31—H. M. Barber,	H. P.
		Geo. J. Case,	King.
		G. T. Chipman,	Scribe.

<i>Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32.</i>	—	L. Goodnough,	H. P.
		*N. J. Seeley,	King.
		*H. H. Warner,	Scribe.
<i>Ousatonic</i>	“	“ 33.—*Albert Turrill,	H. P.
		*Henry O. Warner,	King.
<i>Freestone.</i>	“	“ 34.—S. N. Hall,	H. P.
		*LeRoy Brainard,	King.
		Joseph C. Gladwin,	Scribe.

On motion of Companion Edmund Tweedy the report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted so far as complete, and left open for further additions.

Comp. Edmund Tweedy offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That an invitation be, and is hereby extended to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, to visit the Grand Chapter during the sitting of the present Grand Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered the following annual address:

Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

WORTHY COMPANIONS:—Once more in the good providence of God I welcome you to annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. I trust that we have gathered around our sacred altar at this time with grateful hearts to a kind Father that our lives have been prolonged another year, and that we are again permitted to meet and consult for the good of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, and as dependant beings let us fervently implore His blessing upon our present deliberations.

I have the pleasure to inform you that since our last annual convocation nothing has occurred to mar the harmony and prosperity of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction; all, so far as I have been able to learn, are pursuing the even tenor of their way, dispensing Masonic light and knowledge to the worthy and well qualified.

The semi-annual convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in the city of Meriden, agreeable to my direction, on the first day of November last. There was a full representation from nearly all the Chapters. The work and lectures of all the degrees were fully exemplified, and, I doubt not, much good was accomplished in dispensing a thorough knowledge of our standard ritual.

My official acts during the past year are as follows:—

On the 17th of May last, I visited New Milford and instituted Ousatonick Chapter No. 33, under the charter granted at our last annual convocation. installed the officers, and with their assistance exemplified the work in the P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees.

And on the 9th of June, delivered the charter granted at our last annual convocation to Hiram Chapter No. 1, Newtown. After instituting the Chapter, I publicly installed the officers, the ceremonies taking place at the Methodist Church in that place; after which an eloquent oration on the *prose and poetry* of Masonry was delivered by our reverend companion, Nathan H. Chamberlin, Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter. I remained until the evening, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. and P. M. degrees by the newly installed officers, which is not too much to say, was well done.

I also issued a dispensation to our R. E. D. G. H. P., Companion Stearns, authorizing him to institute Freestone Chapter, No. 34, at Portland, which duty he faithfully performed and reported the same to me.

On the 26th of January, by special invitation, I installed the officers of Giddings Chapter, No. 25, New Britain, in the presence of a large number of companions and friends of that flourishing Chapter. The kind attention shown by the companions at my visit there, will long be remembered by me.

I have given dispensations to Eureka, No. 22 and Keystone, No. 27, to elect a Secretary, the vacancy having been occasioned by removal. I have also on two occasions given permission for rejected candidates to again petition in less time than that required by our regulations, it having been shown that the rejections were the result of misapprehension.

I have also given dispensations and decisions at sundry times during the past year, which I do not deem of sufficient importance to enumerate.

During the year I have visited officially the following chapters: Darius, No. 16, Litchfield; Eureka, No. 22, Waterbury; Washington, No. 24, Norwalk; Giddings No. 25, New Britain; and witnessed their work, all of which, I am happy to say, correctly and impressively rendered our Standard Ritual.

The petition of sundry companions in the village of Thomaston, in the jurisdiction of Pequabuck Chapter, No. 30, at Bristol, to be included in the jurisdiction of Eureka Chapter at Waterbury, was presented at our last annual convocation. Pequabuck Chapter not having been properly notified,

no action was taken. It was again presented at the semi-annual convocation in November last, and by resolution laid over until the present annual convocation; and the M. E. G. H. P. was directed to visit Pequabuck Chapter, and endeavor to satisfactorily arrange the difficulty between the petitioners, Pequabuck and Eureka Chapters. After notifying the parties, I visited Pequabuck Chapter on the 18th of November last, and met most of the petitioners who were desirous of having the jurisdiction assigned to Eureka, representing that the facilities of travel rendered it far more convenient for them to attend the convocations of said Eureka Chapter. Pequabuck Chapter, after thoroughly discussing the subject, passed a resolution, protesting against any change in their jurisdiction. The petition will be again brought before the Grand Chapter, at this annual convocation, and, I trust, will receive due attention at your hands.

Companions and members of this Grand Chapter one year ago, I had the pleasure to congratulate you that our numbers were unbroken by the *grim* tyrant, Death. To-day we mourn the lamented dead. It is with no ordinary emotion that I announce to you, that our venerable companion, Eliphalet G. Storer, who for nearly a quarter of a century so faithfully served this Grand Chapter as its Grand Secretary, is no more. On the 25th day of September last, he passed from the labors of time, to the refreshments of eternity. His familiar countenance will no longer be seen at our annual convocations. His voice and his pen is forever silent; but in the annals of Free Masonry in Connecticut it can truly be said: *He being dead, yet speaketh.*

Another younger in years, and although not so familiarly known, yet from my own familiar acquaintance I cannot forbear to speak, has suddenly been called from the scenes of his earthly labors. I allude to Companion Charles O. Belden, who for many years has occupied the second seat in the Councils of Darius Chapter, No. 16, at Litchfield. All who enjoyed his acquaintance will long remember his kind and social qualities of mind and heart that so beautifully adorn the Masonic character.

Thus are we reminded that the messenger of *Death* comes not to the aged alone, but may overtake us in the freshness of youth, or (as in the case of our companion) in the vigor of manhood, when we least expect it, and at a time we conclude to be the meridian of our existence.

Companions: The time has now arrived when my official connection with this Grand Chapter is about to terminate. Its labors are nearly finished, its brief record is before you. In my official position it has been my unwearied effort to dispense among the uninformed a thorough knowledge of our sublime ritual, and so far as in me lieth to enforce by precept and example a practice of those moral duties and principles, so forcibly taught in the solemn ceremonies of every degree through which we have passed; and a faithful performance of which would not only ensure us the respect and confidence of our companions, but would render the efforts of the enemies of our time honored institution as impotent as

the leprous hand, or as water poured upon the ground which can not be gathered up again. It is but just to you before retiring from the position, which by your kindness I have occupied for the last two years, thus publicly to acknowledge the uniform respect and courtesy that has been extended towards me; and to assure you, not only of my appreciation of the high honor conferred by twice electing me to this high position, but to your kind indulgences that has overlooked my failings and imperfections as your presiding officer, and to assure that whatever station I may hereafter occupy your partiality and confidence will have a place in my memory, prompting my humble efforts till the close of life's rugged journey. More especially would I return my heartfelt acknowledgments for the fraternal courtesy that has everywhere been extended to me by the officers and companions of the several Chapters which you represent. I shall ever cherish in pleasant memory the many friendships I have formed among you. And in conclusion I would fervently invoke the blessing of Heaven upon you and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us while sojourning over the rough and rugged path of life; and when our work on earth is ended and we shall pass the outer veils of these earthly courts, may we be admitted into the Holy of Holies above, into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides, forever reigns.

JOHN H. BARLOW, G. H. P.

BIRMINGHAM, MAY 5th, 1871.

Companion Charles W. Stearns, D. G. H. P., then submitted the following report.

JOHN H. BARLOW, G. H. P. of the M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

M. E. COMPANION: In submitting to you a report of my official acts during the past Masonic year, I shall endeavor to be as brief as possible.

I had the pleasure of visiting six of the seven Chapters assigned to me, as follows:

On the 4th of November, 1870, I visited Pythagoras Chapter at Hartford. It is with reluctance that I refer to my visit to this Chapter, and were it possible I would not do so. The associations between the members of the several masonic bodies in Hartford and myself are of such a nature, that I would not give utterance to a single word, or entertain any sentiment that would in the least have a tendency to sever a single one of the many golden threads that bind us together.

But I trust that they will bear with me—in all Charity—when I say this; that I can see no reason whatever, why this Chapter should so long

persist in its opposition to the regulation of the Grand Chapter in reference to the work which has been as the standard, and to which the subordinates are bound by a solemn obligation to conform. It is difficult for them to overcome what appears to be their prejudice against a system of work that may seem to them new and strange. How many others—Chapters and individuals—have experienced the same difficulty and have, with perseverance, overcome every obstacle and continued in their endeavors until the end was accomplished; and I think I may be justified in saying that *all* who have done this, are to-day proud of their record. I cannot refrain from giving this Chapter the credit that is due for having made *some* changes in the right direction, trusting that before the record of another year shall be made, we may be able to refer to Pythagoras Chapter—in regard to correctness of work—as an example for others to imitate.

My other visits have been, to

Franklin Chapter, No. 4 at Norwich, November 8th, 1870.

Franklin “ “ 2 “ New Haven, “ 15th, “

Trinity “ “ 9 “ Willimantic, “ 17th, “

Columbia “ “ 31 “ Collinsville, March 24th, 1871.

Palmer “ “ 28 “ Westerly, R. I., April 3d, “

And it gives me pleasure to testify to the promptness, zeal and earnestness of those who have been selected to superintend the work.

On the 7th of November, 1870, agreeable to your order, I instituted Freestone Chapter No. 34 at Portland, and installed the officers; and on the 21st and 26th of the same month, in company with several members of Washington Chapter, assisted in conferring the degrees.

On the 27th of December, they having had another election, I again installed their officers.

I have not been able to visit them since that time, and cannot, therefore, inform you as to the degree of proficiency to which they have attained.

On the 3d of March, 1871, I *accidentally* visited Jerusalem Chapter at Bridgeport. I do not feel at all sorry that the *accident* occurred for I found it “good to be there.”

The most of the Chapters, I have had the honor to visit, are working so admirably, that I could not justify myself in instituting any comparisons. While some may enjoy better accommodations than others and, by reason of possessing more elaborate paraphernalia, be the better enabled to successfully interpret and render the symbolism of the several degrees, all are striving to preserve the reputation of our time honored institution.

With the kindest regards for all who have shown me so many kind attentions and true Masonic courtesy, and contributed so much to render my duties “a pleasure rather than a burden,” I remain,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. STEARNS, D. G. H. P.

The Grand King, W. W. Lee, submitted the following report.

TO M. E. J. H. BARLOW, G. H. P.

I submit to you the following as my report for the last year.

The Chapters assigned to me for visitation and instruction were No. 7 of New London; No. 11, Stamford; No. 12, Killingly; No. 13, Bridgeport; No. 18, Rockville; No. 29, Essex; No. 30, Suffield. I have patiently waited for the whole year but have heard nothing directly, and very little indirectly, from No. 7; and consequently can make no report. During the month of January I visited No. 11, and witnessed their work in the R. A. Degree. The work was well done, very few verbal errors could be detected. The fact that so efficient a workman as Dwight Waugh as the official head is a sufficient guarantee that no pains will be spared to make the Chapter perfect in every respect, and the subordinate officers seem to be equally well qualified for the stations which they occupy.

In the month of October I visited No. 12, and spent the day with them. This Chapter is unfortunate in many respects. Its membership and officers are scattered over some seven or eight towns, compelled to meet in a public hall, and to lose the whole day when they meet; and lacking conveniences which most of us are familiar with. Yet I have nowhere seen a more earnest desire to conform strictly to the standard, or a better Masonic spirit exhibited. I assisted in working the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. Degrees, correcting their mistakes and giving instruction so far as the time would permit. This Chapter has sustained a great loss by the death of P. H. P. Prescott May, (a zealous, warm hearted Mason) but I feel confident that no effort will be spared by the Companions of No. 12 to make their Chapter a model in every respect. We are told on excellent authority that "time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things."

I have received two invitations to visit No. 13, but have been prevented by prior Masonic engagements, and consequently can present no statement of its condition at the present time. Yet I feel confident from what I know of it in the past, that its future will be untarnished. Sitting, as it does, at the feet of Gamaliel it needs no instruction from lesser prophets.

In the month of March I visited No. 18 and saw their work in the R. A. Degree, which was finely done. Within the past year they have secured a new hall and have now ample accommodations and the necessary implements, and it is in all respects a model Chapter.

In November I visited No. 29, and again in the month of April, and have seen their work in all the degrees. I was surprised to find that this young Chapter had made such proficiency in the work; the errors were few and mostly verbal. They have not mastered the lectures, but time

and the energy and determination manifested by the H. P. and other officers, will surely accomplish it.

In the month of January, I visited No. 30 under unfavorable circumstances. Their membership is small, it was an unpleasant night and but few were present. I was obliged to assist them. The M. M. and P. M. Degrees were worked as best we could. As the Subordinate Lodge there has never conformed to the standard work, the members of the Chapter find it very difficult to acquire their standard, (for you know the two interblend and are parallel so far as may be in different bodies) having no one who is thoroughly familiar with it to instruct them. They are willing and earnest, and I have no doubt they will apply themselves with industry, skill and fidelity. By invitation in September I visited No. 22, Waterbury, and witnessed most excellent work in the R. A. Degree. No. 22 needs no comments, you have seen their work and know their proficiency. I feel confident we are coming, year by year, to that noble emulation of who can best work and best agree.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. LEE, G. K.

WEST MERIDEN, MAY 9th, 1871.

TO M. E. JOHN H. BARLOW, GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: I submit to you this brief report for your consideration.

On the 11th of November I visited King Solomon Chapter No. 3, at Birmingham, and witnessed the work of the M. E. Master Degree. On the 14th of April I again visited this Chapter and witnessed the work of the R. A. Degree. As this Chapter is presided over by our M. E. G. H. P. I forbear comment, as his reputation as a workman is well known to you all.

On the 18th of November I visited Pequabuck Chapter No. 32, located in Bristol, and witnessed the work in the Mark Degree which was done in a very creditable manner.

On 23d of December, by invitation, I installed the officers of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, at Bridgeport.

With this brief report I remain,

Fraternally yours,

S. T. BARTLETT, G. S.

On motion of Companion Grand Secretary, the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and reports of the other officers were referred to a committee, for apportionment of their several

subjects to select committees, consisting of Edmund Tweedy, Dwight Phelps and A. B. Shumway.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing Committees.

On Grievances: C. W. Stearns, O. P. Jacobs and A. F. Sherwood.

On Charters: L. A. Lockwood, Thos. Vincent, H. W. Coye.

On Delinquencies: J. N. Lewis, I. W. Carpenter, Joseph Treadwell.

Auditing Committee: H. K. Scott and C. D. Milliken.

Companion Nathan Dikeman submitted his credentials, appointing him Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of Minnesota near this Grand Chapter, which were accepted, and he was duly accredited as such representative.

The credentials of Companion James L. Gould, appointing him Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of Vermont, were also received, and he was duly accredited.

Companion L. A. Lockwood, chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, which was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

Companion Edmund Tweedy, from the Committee on Grand High Priest's address and reports of other officers, submitted the following report and resolution which was accepted, and resolution adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. G. H. P. and the reports of the other Grand Officers, respectfully report:

That so much of the address of the M. E. G. H. P. as relates to the petition of Companions in Thomaston to be included in the jurisdiction of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, they recommend be referred to the Committee on Charters.

That so much thereof as relates to the decease of Companions E. G. Storer, P. G. Secretary, and Charles O. Belden be referred to a special committee to be raised.

Your Committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are justly due, and are hereby tendered, to the M. E. G. H. P., Companion Barlow, for the zealous and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and the able and efficient manner in which he has presided over the affairs of the Grand Chapter during the past to years.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND TWEEDY,
DWIGHT PHELPS, } *Committee.*
A. B. SHUMWAY,

The following resolution, submitted by Companion John N. Lewis, was adopted.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to exact the payment of a fee of Five Dollars in case of each dispensation issued by him at the request of any Subordinate Chapter or individual Companion, and for which no fee has been heretofore required; such fees to be paid over to the Grand Secretary, and by him reported to the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Wm. W. Lee, C. I. Curtis and A. R. Blakeslee, a committee on the death of Past Grand Secretary, E. G. Storer, and Companion Charles O. Belden.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock, P. M. Officers in their respective stations as at the morning session.

On motion of Companion Edmund Tweedy, it was voted that the Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers at 3 o'clock.

Companion Edmund Tweedy, from the Board of Trustees, reported that they had been called upon to perform no official duties during the past year, and that no funds had been placed in their hands for investment.

The following report from the Auditing Committee was presented by Companion Scott, and adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT:

The undersigned Auditing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, and find the same correct.

The Receipts, according to the books of the Grand Treasurer,	
have been,	\$850.70
Balance in Treasury, May 10th, 1870,	29.21
Received from Interest account,	18.00
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	\$897.91
Expenditures have been,	494.68
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Leaving a balance in Treasury of	403.23

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. SCOTT,
C. D. MILLIKEN, } Committee.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Companion Wm. H. Doane, Wm. H. Westwood and A. C. Golding were appointed tellers; and the ballots were cast, with the following result.

M. E. CHAS. W. STEARNS,	<i>Middletown,</i>	G. H. P.
R. E. W. W. LEE,	<i>West Meriden,</i>	D. G. H. P.
R. E. EDMUND TWEEDY,	<i>Danbury,</i>	G. K.
R. E. JOHN N. LEWIS,	<i>Greenwich,</i>	G. S.
Comp. GEO. LEE,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. T.

J. K. WHEELER,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. Sec.
CYRUS GOODELL,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. Chap.
H. W. COYE,	<i>Rockville,</i>	G. C. of H.
A. R. BLAKESLEE,	<i>Birmingham,</i>	G. P. So.
WM. B. CARGILL,	<i>Waterbury,</i>	G. R. A. C.

APPOINTMENTS.

Comp. DWIGHT WAUGH,	<i>Stamford,</i>	G. M. of 3d V.
JOHN H. BINGHAM,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. M. of 2d V.
THOMAS VINCENT,	<i>Westerly, R. I.,</i>	G. M. of 1st V.
W. H. DOANE,	<i>Essex,</i>	S. G. S.
ERASTUS WELLS,	<i>Woodstock,</i>	J. G. S.
HENRY E. PATTEN,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. Sentinel.

L. A. LOCKWOOD and J. K. WHEELER, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

J. K. WHEELER, JAMES MCCORMICK and WM. S. FISH, Committee on By-Laws.

On motion of Companion L. A. Lockwood, the following committee, consisting of Comps. L. A. Lockwood, J. H. Barlow and W. W. Lee, were appointed to nominate a board of Trustees, who reported the following:

N. G. HINCKLEY,	<i>Hartford.</i>
JULIUS TILER,	<i>New Haven.</i>
EDMUND TWEEDY,	<i>Danbury.</i>

whereupon ballots were spread, and they were declared duly elected.

The following report from the Committee on Charters, was presented by Companion Lockwood, which was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Companions, residing at Plymouth, that concurrent jurisdiction be established, between Eureka Chapter, No. 22, and Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, over the territory

of the town of Plymouth, now within the jurisdiction of said Pequabuck Chapter, respectfully report :

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions. First,

That it is impolitic to confer concurrent jurisdiction in any case, unless such jurisdiction extends throughout the whole territory covered by the Chapters so exercising such concurrent jurisdiction.

That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Your committee further report, that all other matters referred to them, have been adjusted without the intervention of the Grand Chapter.

L. A. LOCKWOOD,
THOMAS VINCENT, } Committee.
CHESTER TILDEN, Jr., }

Companion J. N. Lewis from the Committee on delinquencies, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

The undersigned Committee on delinquencies respectfully report :

That they have examined the records of the Grand Secretary and find that every chapter is represented at this convocation excepting Hiram Chapter, No. 1, of Newtown, and the returns and dues have been received by the Grand Secretary from all the Chapters except said Hiram, No. 1.

As no reason has been given why said Chapter is not represented, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect the usual fine, as provided for by the regulations of this Grand Chapter.

In the matter of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, we are informed that the fine for non-representation, at the semi-annual convocation in November last, has been paid the Grand Secretary, and that no further action is necessary in the premises.

The minutes of the semi-annual Convocation in November last, being in the hands of the printer, your committee are without any list of the Chapters delinquent in representation at that time, but as none of those Chapters have appeared before us and presented satisfactory excuses, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect the usual fines in the case of all Chapters so delinquent.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. N. LEWIS.
I. W. CARPENTER, } Committee.
JOS. TREADWELL, }

Companion J. K. Wheeler, Committee on By-Laws, reported the following, which was accepted and adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT:

Your Committee on By-Laws, respectfully report that the By Laws of Freestone Chapter, No. 34, and Palmer Chapter, No. 28, are the only ones which have been placed in his hands for approval, which were corrected agreeable to our Masonic law and practice, and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. WHEELER,
Committee on By-Laws.

Companion C. W. Stearns, from the Committee on Grievances, submitted the following very pleasing report, which was accepted.

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT:

We, the undersigned Committee on Grievances, beg leave respectfully to report that no business has been presented for their consideration. This evidence of harmony and brotherly love within this jurisdiction is certainly encouraging in the highest degree, and we heartily congratulate this Grand Chapter on the reign of peace, trusting that it may long continue.

C. W. STEARNS, }
O. P. JACOBS, } *Committee.*
A. F. SHERWOOD, }

On motion of Companion Edmund Tweedy, it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be paid Companion L. A. Lockwood, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion, it was voted that the usual fee to the Grand Tyler be paid.

Companion H. K. Scott submitted the following amendment to By-Laws, which was lost.

Resolved, That Article 8 of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be amended, by adding thereto the words: But the penalties shall not be imposed on Subordinate Chapters, for failing to be represented at the semi-annual convocations.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Past Grand High Priest, J. H. Barlow; P. G. H. P., L. A. Lockwood, acting as Marshal.

Comp. Barlow submitted the following, which was adopted

That the next semi-annual convocation of the Grand Chapter be held at such time and place as the Grand High Priest may select, and the work exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That Columbia Chapter, No. 31, be excused from payment of fine, imposed for non-representation at the semi-annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, no notice thereof having reached said Chapter.

On motion of Companion W. W. Lee, the sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated to the Grand Chaplain.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest:

J. D. Wheeler
G. Sec

Grand Secretary's Report

Of moneys received to May 9th, A. D. 1871. Dues from Subordinate Chapters.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. of Chapter.	Location.	Exaltations.	Amount Received.
Hiram, - - - - -	1	Newtown,		
Franklin, - - - - -	2	New Haven,	22	\$66.00
Solomon, - - - - -	3	Derby,	6	18.00
Franklin, - - - - -	4	Norwich,	15	45.00
Washington, - - - - -	6	Middletown,	6	18.00
Union, - - - - -	7	New London,	4	12.00
Trinity, - - - - -	9	Willimantic,	7	21.00
Rittenhouse, - - - - -	11	Stamford,	5	15.00
Warren, - - - - -	12	Killingly,	9	27.00
Jerusalem, - - - - -	13	Bridgeport,	10	30.00
Meridian, - - - - -	15	West Winsted,	7	21.00
Darius, - - - - -	16	Litchfield,	8	24.00
Pythagoras, - - - - -	17	Hartford,	15	45.00
Adoniram, - - - - -	18	Rockville,	6	18.00
Jerusalem, - - - - -	19	Ridgefield,	None.	
Lafayette, - - - - -	20	Granby,	3	9.00
Benevolence, - - - - -	21	Mystic River,	3	9.00
Eureka, - - - - -	22	Waterbury,	23	69.00
Eureka, - - - - -	23	Danbury,	6	18.00
Washington, - - - - -	24	Norwalk,	3	9.00
Giddings, - - - - -	25	New Britain,	11	33.00
Pulaski, - - - - -	26	Fair Haven,	3	9.00
Keystone, - - - - -	27	West Meriden,	15	45.00
Palmer, - - - - -	28	Pawkatuck,	5	15.00
Burning Bush, - - - - -	29	Essex,	6	18.00
Washington, - - - - -	30	Suffield,	8	24.00
Columbia, - - - - -	31	Collinsville,	12	36.00
Pequabuck, - - - - -	32	Bristol,	15	45.00
Ousatonic, - - - - -	33	Bristol,	6	18.00
Freestone, - - - - -	34	Portland,	6	18.00
Three copies of proceedings sold,				1.50
Freestone Chapter, Charter fee,				90.00
Fine, Franklin Chapter, No. 4,				8.00
Fine, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19,				8.00
Total,			258	\$842.50

The above is all the money received by me as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, from May 10th, 1870, to May 9th, 1871.

J. D. Wheeler
G. Sec

Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

HIRAM, No. 1, Newtown.

No Returns made

FRANKLIN, No. 2, New Haven.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Tuesday of each month,
except July and August.

OFFICERS.

Horatio H. Lane, H. P.
Nathaniel A. Wilcox, K.
Horatio G. Bronson, S.
Julius Tyler, Treas.
Edwin W. Ensign, Sec'y.
Wm. W. Hyde, C. of H.

Chas. T. Linsley, P. S.
Edward M. Armstrong, R. A. C.
James B. Toocker, 3rd V.
Robert Morgan, 2d V.
Frank T. Lane, 1st V.
Chas. E. Hooghkirk, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Andrew Allen,
George A. Lewis,
Wm. W. Spencer,
Asahel E. Gould,
Joseph G. Shearlock,
James Tobey,
Henry A. Minor,

Cleveland S. Thompson,
Robert R. Topping,
Samuel Morris,
William Holman,
James Johnston,
Chas. J. Brooks,
Joseph Riley,

Albert M. Johnson,
Frank T. Lane,
Ellery Camp,
Edward D. Brinsmade,

Jarvis E. Kelsey,
John H. Nolan,
John H. Hayden,
Joseph W. Jewett,

ADMITTED.

Peter B. Mackey.

WITHDRAWN.

Frederick M. Clemons.

DIED.

Edgar Booth,
Eliphalet G. Storer,

George Bristol.
Randall Cook.

SOLOMON, No. 3, Derby.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

John H. Barlow, H. P.
Henry Bradley, K.
A. F. Sherwood, S.
Wm. M. Hull, Treas.
Arthur R. Blakeslee, Sec'y.
H. N. Beardsley, C. of H.

Henry Whipple, P. S.
Wm. S. Downes, R. A. C.
A. W. Phillips, 3rd V.
Peter B. Mackey, 2d V.
David Tucker, 1st V.
Chas. A. Sprague, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Reuben H. Tucker,
Chas. A. Sprague,
Chas. F. Sterling,

Clark N. Rogers,
Noah J. Patrick,
Wm. K. Holmes.

FRANKLIN, No. 4, Norwich.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Jacob B. Mershon, H. P.
Luke Hillard, K.
Increase W. Carpenter, S.
Austin Brewster, Treas.
John Benson, Sec'y.
Lloyd M. Cobb, C. of H.

Chester W. Converse, P. S.
Elias M. Brewster, R. A. C.
Bradford H. Rogers, 3rd V.
Chas. A. Cobb, Jr., 2d V.
Isaac N. Pressey, 1st V.
Luther Pellett, Tyler.

EXALTED.

William H. Hovey,
Charles J. Winters,
Edwin C. Johnson,
William H. Webb,
Edson S. Bishop,
Frank A. Wells,
William J. Merrill,
Christopher R. Dolbeare,

Henry Hovey,
Ansel A. Beckwith,
Daniel M. Lester,
Isaac N. Pressey,
Henry C. Albro,
Hiram B. Browning,
Jas. H. Verguson.

ADMITTED.

Charles L. Bigelow,
Abram Geer,

John D. Edmonds.

DIED.

George W. Rogers,

Joseph E. Champlin.

WASHINGTON, No. 6, Middletown.

Time of Regular Convocation, first and third Wednesday of each month, from the fourth of September to the first of May. First Wednesday of each month the residue of the year.

OFFICERS.

Seth H. Plumb, H. P.
John V. Adams, K.
G. S. Burdick, S.
Elijah Ackley, Treas.
A. C. Allison, Sec'y.
Edgar S. Bailey, C. of H.

John Traverse, P. S.
James I. Ferree, R. A. C.
S. S. Johnson, 3rd V.
M. D. Andrus, 2d V.
Wm. I. Addis, 1st V.
Daniel S. Johnson, Tyler.

EXALTED.

S. S. Johnson,
G. R. Burdick,
Malery Palmer,

Elmore Penfield,
Wm. I. Pierce,
D. N. Davis.

WITHDRAWN.

Warren Vearey,
S. Nelson Hall,
George Stancliff,
Leroy Brainard,
Joseph C. Gladwin.

Russell Hopkins,
William Lewis,
Alexander McHaffey,
William R. Smith,
Joseph O. Wilcox.

UNION, No. 7, New London.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Fenwick, H. P.
Robert Adams, K.
Chas. A. Strickland, S.
Alexander Merrill, Treas.
Wm. H. Tubbs, Sec'y.
W. W. Miner, C. of H.

A. C. Lippitt, Jr., P. S.
John Miller, R. A. C.
Wm. H. Morris, Jr., 3rd V.
Geo. Strong, Jr., 2d V.
Jas. Stebbins, 1st V.
N. R. Chappell, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Wm. R. Brown,
John Salter,

Andrew C. Lippett, Jr.,
Daniel Webster.

WITHDRAWN.

Rufus M. Rose,

O. A. V. Rose.

DIED.

Samuel Barry,
Newton J. Getchell,
L. F. Mussey,Alexander Tillinghast,
H. W. Washburn,
Nathaniel Perkins.

Robert Tate,

TRINITY, No. 9, Willimantic.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Thursdays of each month, except July and August.

OFFICERS.

David C. Card, H. P.
Joel E. W. Backus, K.
Henry A. Larkin, S.
John G. Keigwin, Treas.
Orrin M. Burnham, Sec'y.
Chas. J. Mason, C. of H.Chas. T. Barstow, P. S.
Benjamin Peckham, R. A. C.
Amos H. Moore, 3rd V.
Orlando D. Brown, 2d V.
Hiram E. Conant, 1st V.
William Thompson, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Wm. H. H. Bingham,
Henry A. Boss,
Nathan Delap,
Orrin M. Burnham,Charles J. Mason,
Charles T. Brown,
Frederick Howard.

WITHDRAWN.

Henry Hendrick.

DIED.

Charles Palmer.

RITTENHOUSE, No. 11, Stamford.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

G. L. Lownds, H. P.
Sipsco Stevens, K.
W. H. Adain, S.
Theo. Leeds, Treas.
J. O. Lownds, Sec'y.
C. E. Holly, C. of H.

E. S. Holly, P. S.
Roswell Hoyt, R. A. C.
Chas. M. Holly, 3rd V.
Ambrose Richards, 2d V.
Jas. S. Crawford, 1st V.
Francis E. Morris, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Rev. W. A. Des. Brisay.
Francis E. Morris.
Hiram A. Tyler.

Ambrose Richards.
Edw'd F. Morris.

WARREN, No. 12, Killingly.

Time of Regular Convocations, third Tuesday of April, June, August, October, December and January.

OFFICERS.

Erastus H. Well, H. P.
Findley M. Fox, K.
Orrin J. Lewis, S.
G. Warren Webster, Treas.
Mowry Amsbury, Sec'y.
Ralph J. Sabin, C. of H.

Wm. H. Murry, P. S.
Penuel H. Sprague, R. A. C.
Wm. H. Tourtelott, 3rd V.
Wm. I. Miller, 2d V.
Charles Wiley, 1st V.
Samuel P. Tucker, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Alexander H. Northrop,
Samuel H. Griggs,
James N. Botham,
David Emerson,
R. W. Mowry,

Charles J. Sweet,
John H. Bennett,
Prescott Bartlett,
Henry Bucklyn.

WITHDRAWN.

Edgar Amsburg,

Rev. Sidney Dean.

DIED.

Prescott May,

Rev. Gilman Stone.

JERUSALEM, No. 13. Bridgeport.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

David C. Mills, H. P.
Chas. D. Milliken, K.
C. T. Brill, S.
J. C. Blackman, Treas.
Wm. H. Lord, Sec'y.
Wm. J. Dorrance, C. of H.

Z. Goodsell, P. S.
Chas. W. Edwards, R. A. C.
Daniel D. Hawley, 3rd V.
Hugh Stirling, 2d V.
Walter B. Osborn, 1st V.
Ernest Kehrler, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Augustus H. Abernethy,
Ralph A. Blood,
Henry Burr Curtis,
Chas. G. Downs,
Wm. H. Fox,

Abram Heaton,
Isaac E. Osborn,
D. M. Rowland,
Henry S. Sterling,
Lasper Whiting.

WITHDRAWN.

William Boston.

DIED.

F. Hitchcock,
Richard McGregor, Sen.,

Stephen Marcus Nichols,
Lewis C. Legee.

MERIDIAN, No. 15, Winsted.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Tuesday evening of each month.

OFFICERS.

Chas. R. Lathrop, H. P.
Salman A. Granger, K.
Lorenzo R. King, S.
Roswell Olmsted, Treas.
David W. Coe, Sec'y.
Charles J. York, C. of H.

John H. Kinney, P. S.
Wm. B. Phelps, R. A. C.
F. M. Cook, 3rd V.
C. L. Norton, 2d V.
E. W. Meafoy, 1st V.
Jesse Williams, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Edgar S. Beach,
Eugene W. Meafoy,
C. Dexter Lincoln,
Austin Twiss,

John Ingle,
James M. Sickman,
Horace Case.

DARIUS, No. 16, Litchfield.

Time of Regular Convocations, every Thursday evening, from October 1st to April 1st, and on the first Thursday evening in each remaining month of the year.

OFFICERS.

William Deming, H. P.
E. G. Roberts, K.
L. W. Wessells, S.
D. E. Bostwick, Treas.
Wm. H. Braman, Sec'y.
A. B. Shumway, C. of H.

Edson Stapels, P. S.
James Campbell, R. A. C.
Eli D. Weeks, 3rd V.
Robert Stephens, 2d V.
Wm. H. Braman, 1st V.
D. C. Bulkley, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Francis J. Benedict,
Edson Stapels,
Seth S. Logan,
Charles H. Mason,

Samuel W. Ensign,
Achille Midgeon,
W. Jerome Bissell,
E. F. Weston.

WITHDRAWN.

S. L. Solomonson.

DIED.

Charles O. Belden.

PYTHAGORAS, No. 17, Hartford.

Time of Regular Convocations, Friday evenings.

OFFICERS.

John H. Bingham, H. P.
Chauncey R. Johnson, K.
Henry Leitch, S.
Henry A. Goodwin, Treas.
Joseph H. Barnum, Sec'y.
William Knox, C. of H.

George Lee, P. S.
E. A. Pike, R. A. C.
Wm. B. Flagg, 3rd V.
Seth E. Marsh, 2d V.
James Banks, 1st V.
Henry E. Patten, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Albert A. Fox,
Albert D. Filley,
W. Horace Stillman,
Wm. E. Morgan,
Louis A. Pratt.
E. G. Low,
A. C. Wilson,
Thomas J. Gill,

Mahlon N. Clark,
Benjamin E. Fowler,
Abraham P. Whitehouse,
C. J. Hanmer,
Brainard Spencer,
Henry R. Billings,
Henry P. Sexton.

WITHDRAWN.

Wm. H. Root.

DIED.

Nathan M. Morse,
E. Thomas Lobdell,
W. T. Lee,

Wm. H. Cook,
Oliver Brainard,
Edwin M. Hollister.

ADONIRAM, No. 18, Rockville.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Tuesdays in each month

OFFICERS.

H. W. Coye, H. P.
L. E. Brown, K.
C. P. Cogshall, S.
E. S. Henry, Treas.
A. D. West, Sec'y.
Chas. E. Harris, C. of H.

G. A. Pierce, P. S.
Cyrus Winchell, R. A. C.
W. R. Mills, 3rd V.
L. S. Lewis, 2d V.
Philander Alden, 1st V.
Joseph Hirst, Tyler.

EXALTED.

E. C. Colby,
Benjamin Hirst,
H. T. Bolles,

S. W. Howland,
Wm. Wheelock,
A. B. Hall.

DIED.

Delos W. Rich.

JERUSALEM, No. 19, Ridgefield.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Thursday of each month

OFFICERS.

Hiram K. Scott, H. P.
Hezekiah Scott, K.
Wm. W. Seymour, S.
Samuel J. Barlow, Treas.
David H. Miller, Sec'y.
Wm. S. Todd, C. of H.

Geo. L. Thompson, P. S.
Chas. H. Canfield, R. A. C.
Chas. A. Jennings, 3rd V.
Jacob L. Dauchy, 2d V.
Chas. O. Olmstead, 1st V.
Lewis A. Reed, Tyler.

LAFAYETTE, No. 20, Granby.

Time of Regular Convocations, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

E. Holcomb, H. P.
J. W. Sandford, K.
Willis Dewey, S.
Levi Rice, Treas.
J. W. Gillin, Sec'y.
E. C. Humphrey, C. of H.

T. M. Maltbie, P. S.
F. R. Gillette, R. A. C.
J. H. Holcomb, 3rd V.
J. N. Loomis, 2d V.
G. Beebee, 1st V.
J. W. Gillin, Tyler.

EXALTED.

G. H. Dibble,
G. W. Holcomb,

W. P. Clark,

WITHDRAWN.

W. C. Anderson,

W. C. Mills.

DIED.

J. D. Wilcox.

Benevolence, No. 21, Mystic River.

Time of Regular Convocations, first Monday in each month. For election of officers, the first Monday in January.

OFFICERS.

Charles H. Eldridge, H. P.
Thomas H. Newbury, K.
I. R. Gavitt, S.
Thomas W. Noyes, Treas.
William H. Stark, Sec'y.
William Cann, C. of H.

M. H. Ricker, P. S.
Alexander Irving, R. A. C.
E. H. Payne, 3rd V.
S. B. Nye, 2d V.
John Cameron, 1st V.
George S. Burrows, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Edwin Reynold,
E. L. Beebe,

Charles H. Denison.

ADMITTED.

Charles W. Clift.

DIED.

Charles Eldridge,

Elam Eldridge.

EUREKA, No. 23, Waterbury.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

Wm. B. Cargill, H. P.
J. E. Coer, K.
H. U. Church, S.
F. L. Curtiss, Treas.
Stephen Stanley, Sec'y.
C. I. Curtiss, C. of H.

J. S. Castle, P. S.
J. N. Ensign, R. A. C.
G. S. Chatfield, 3rd V.
Robert Barbour, 2d V.
Dwight Stent, 1st V.
S. M. Judd, Tyler.

EXALTED.

R. N. Hotchkiss,
W. H. Watrus,
Albert Hamel,
Geo. F. Ferrill,
Dwight Stent,
William Stanley,
A. H. Campbell,
William C. Hillard.
J. E. Clough,
E. R. Alcott.
J. A. Belden.
R. H. Jones.

Albert Chatfield,
Lewis Beardsley,
E. S. Tyrill,
H. H. Johnson,
H. D. Tattisen,
L. B. Hoadley,
John Beebe,
Wm. H. Phillips,
Lyman White,
Wm. E. Crane,
Geo. F. Hendey.

ADMITTED.

Fred. M. Clemons.

DIED.

Wm. D. Gibbud.

EUREKA, No. 23, Danbury.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

Joseph Treadwell, H. P.
Lewis A. Ward, K.
Russell Bevans, S.
Edward S. Davis, Treas.
George M. Raymond, Sec'y.
Zerah Hoyt, C. of H.

James H. Welsh, P. S.
James B. Wildman, R. A. C.
Edwin R. Gridley, 3rd V.
William G. Randall, 2d V.
William Brown, 1st V.
Milo Dickens, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Ezekiel Eaton,
Chas. H. Gunn.
Henry P. Kesselaar.

Frank R. Nash,
Andrew J. Williams,
Frederick S. Olmstead.

WITHDRAWN.

D. W. Knowles,
J. E. Knowles,
Thompson T. Marsh.
A. H. McMahon,
Geo. W. Anthony,

Thos. T. D. Dorsey,
John R. Stratton,
James H. Jenkins,
Jarvis Polley.

WASHINGTON, No. 24, Norwalk.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Robert M. Wilcox, H. P.
Geo. W. Smith, K.
Henry D. Fox, S.
John E. Smith, Treas.
Jacob Turk, Sec'y.
James W. Storey, C. of H.

Geo. W. Knight, P. S.
Wm. B. Reed, R. A. C.
John W. Craw, 3rd V.
Geo. Y. Miles, 2d V.
Harrison H. Williams, 1st V.
Joseph Bauer, Tyler.

EXALTED.

R. A. Brewer,
H. H. Williams,

Wm. Goodwin.

WITHDRAWN.

Curtis T. Woodruff.

DIED.

Edward G. Bishop.

GIDDINGS, No. 25, New Britain.

Time, of Regular Convocation, first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

OFFICERS.

Wm. Freeston, H. P.
Gideon Robinson, K.
Alonzo Aston, S.
W. L. Morgan, Treas.
E. L. Goodwin, Sec'y.
Julius O. Deming, C. of H.

Joseph E. Davis, P. S.
Edsel E. Nettleton, R. A. C.
Wm. Burritt, 3rd V.
Job Dyson, 2d V.
Charles McNary, 1st V.
George H. Booth, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Elihu S. Warner,
E. A. Palmer,
Chas. McNary,
Omer Norton,
Thomas Tracy,
Eledron M. Penfield,

Frank D. Main,
Samuel W. Clark,
Thomas D. Towle,
George A. Bradley,
George H. Booth.

DIED.

Pliny Slater,

Giles Stillman.

PULASKI, No. 26, Fair Haven.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and second Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

James R. Hunt, H. P.
Edward N. Holaday, K.
A. H. Cargill, S.
R. C. Smith, Treas.
R. C. Smith, Sec'y.
C. H. Fowler, C. of H.

A. H. Hurlburt, P. S.
J. O. Rowland, R. A. C.
H. A. Stevens, 3rd V.
S. Bauer, 2d V.
A. W. Hull, 1st V.
D. H. Brown, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Anson K. Brown,
Joseph C. Cook,

Robert W. Beecher.

DIED.

Levi Rowel, Jr.

James Wedmore, Jr.

KEYSTONE, No. 27, Meriden.

Time of Regular Convocations, first Tuesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Westwood, H. P.
Edwin O. Hibbard, K.
Collin Upson, S.
H. Lyon, Treas.
S. S. Wilcox, Sec'y.
J. P. Weir, Jr., C. of H.

J. C. Booth, P. S.
J. E. Stanley, R. A. C.
H. G. Smith, 3rd V.
Wm. Schollar, 2d V.
C. H. Woodstock, 1st V.
E. Harwood, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Frederick M. Hotchkiss,
John T. Pettee,
E. J. Doolittle,
Chas. Parker,
Fred'k J. Fitch,
William Schollar,
J. C. Booth,
Nicholas R. Allen,

Michael Brown,
F. K. Finley,
John Curnou,
Geo. Van Nostrand,
C. W. Yale,
Joseph E. Stanley,
Alfred G. Birdsey.

ADMITTED.

Rev. Almond Barrell.

DIED.

Chas. F. Allyn.

PALMER, No. 28, Pawcatuck.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

Thos. Vincent, H. P.
R. Taylor Church, K.
Thos. O. Wilcox, S.
Jas. F. Pendleton, Treas.
Isaac F. Burdick, Sec'y.
John Harrison, C. of H.

James Potter, P. S.
B. Court Bentley, R. A. C.
David Kenneth, 3rd V.
David Hudson, 2d V.
David Nailer, 1st V.
Thos. M. Place, Tyler.

EXALTED.

James C. Bailey,
Chas. O. Prosser,
John Gavitt,

Henry C. Bailey,
Charles H. Potter.

ADMITTED.

Robert F. Latimer.

James Ainsworth.

WITHDRAWN.

James E. Sisson,
John D. Gallup,
Henry G. Knowles,
John Moore,

Edwin W. Smith,
Serry Spencer,
Abram Geer.

STRUCK FROM ROLL, (for non payment of dues.)

Peleg Noyes,
John Hazard,

Matthew Stillman.

BURNING BUSH, No. 29, Essex.

Time of Regular Convocations, every Saturday of each month, on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

William H. Doane, H. P.
Frederick W. Williams, K.
John I. Hutchinson, S.
Edward W. Redfield, Treas.
John G. Hayden, Sec'y.
Wm. C. Hough, C. of H.

Harrison B. Smith, P. S.
Ebenezer Williams, Jr., R. A. C.
George K. Stillman, 3rd V.
Richard H. Tucker, 2d V.
Joseph R. Johnson, 1st V.
Gurdon H. Post, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Willoughby A. Hull,
J. Carlton Bates,
Charles O. Lord,

Alpheus P. Tripp,
Ezra Scovell,
Henry L. Wright.

WASHINGTON, No. 30, Suffield.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Leverett H. Luce, H. P.
 John M. Hatheway, K.
 Matthew T. Newton, S.
 Israel Newton, Treas.
 Simon B. Douglass, Sec'y.
 Alfred F. Austin, C. of H.

John H. Norton, P. S.
 Newton S. Pomeroy, R. A. C.
 Samuel White, 3rd V.
 Charles Brewster, 2d V.
 Richard D. Case, 1st V.
 Elias B. Hullfish, Tyler.

EXALTED.

A. W. Browning,
 Charles Broadhurst,
 John C. Mead,
 George P. Endress,

Robert E. Pinney,
 Charles E. Phelps,
 William E. Penn,
 Thomas I. McKenzie.

DIED.

Samuel N. Reid,

Charles A. Somers.

COLUMBIA, No. 31, Collinsville.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

H. M. Barber, H. P.
 G. J. Case, K.
 G. T. Chipman, S.
 W. H. Parmelee, Treas.
 J. H. Thompson, Sec'y.
 J. W. Creighton, C. of H.

W. H. Dale, P. S.
 J. Wagner, R. A. C.
 J. W. Merrill, 3rd V.
 M. W. Thompson, 2d V.
 H. Spencer, 1st V.
 M. Clark, Tyler.

EXALTED.

J. Wagner,
 J. N. Brown,
 G. T. Chipman,
 S. H. Mason,
 H. Spencer,
 T. Welsh,

A. J. Allen,
 James Forbes,
 M. Cooper,
 W. M. Case,
 F. A. Case,
 C. H. Minor.

PEQUABUCK, No. 32, Bristol.

Time of Regular Convocations, first Friday evening of each month.

OFFICERS.

Lester Goodenough, H. P.
Jas. Freganza, K.
O. D. Warner, S.
S. M. Norton, Treas.
John Farnum, Sec'y.
Wm. R. Hurd, C. of H.

H. S. Bartholomew, P. S.
H. H. Warner, R. A. C.
S. A. Alcott, 3rd V.
D. S. Lardner, 2d V.
J. E. Joes, 1st V.
B. R. Plumb, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Wm. R. Hurd,
Isaac N. Beach,
Byron R. Plumb,
Lester G. Abbe,
Henry Hutchinson,
Jas. F. Ryan,
Strong A. Kelsey,
Chas. C. Blackman,

Curtis A. Blackman,
Merwin H. Perkins,
Jas. W. White,
John L. Frisbie,
Harry Henderson,
Jas. E. Ladd,
Geo. Lewis.

DIED.

Chas. H. Foote.

OUSATONIC, No. 33, New Milford.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Jarvis Polley, H. P.
A. H. McMahon, K.
O. S. Hartwell, S.
T. T. Marsh, Treas.
Geo. W. Anthony, Sec'y.
John E. Knowles, C. of H.

M. L. Frost, P. S.
S. C. Landon, R. A. C.
Wm. Schoverling, 3rd V.
D. E. Soule, 2d V.
John Turrell, 1st V.
Albert Tiler, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Albert S. Hill,
Jerome F. Gibbs,
Wm. W. Welton,
Watson J. Ellsworth,
Jas. R. Capron,

Theo. M. Trowbridge,
Jas. H. Keeler,
Nicholas Staub,
Geo. W. Vaughn.

FREESTONE, No. 34, Portland.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Tuesdays from the first of September to the first of May. Fourth Tuesdays from the first of May to the first of September.

OFFICERS.

S. Nelson Hall, H. P.
George Stancliff, K.
Joseph C. Gladwin, S.
Edwin J. Hulbert, Treas.
Ellsworth B. Strong, Sec'y.
LeRoy Brainard, C. of H.

George B. Cleveland, P. S.
Joseph O. Wilcox, R. A. C.
Archie C. Goodrich, 3rd V.
W. Deloraine Freeman, 2d V.
Henry A. Cornwall, 1st V.
Frederick S. Shepard, Tyler.

EXALTED.

W. Deloraine Freeman,
Archie C. Goodrich,
William Reid,

Henry A. Cornwall,
Ellsworth B. Strong,
Frederick S. Shepard,

ADMITTED.

Edwin J. Hulbert,
George B. Cleveland,

Warren Veasey.

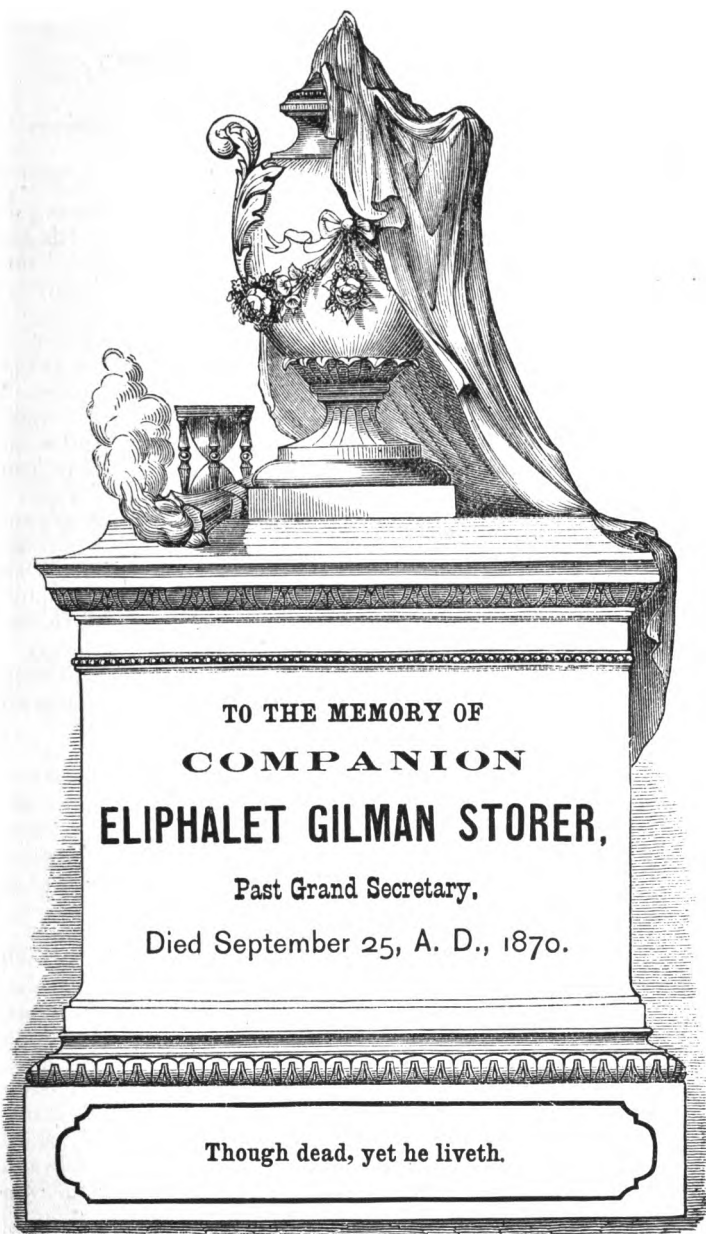
ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Name of Chapter,	No.	Secretary.	Post Office Address.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Members.	Dues.
Hiram.....	1	Philo Nichols,	Newtown,	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	391	66.00
Franklin.....	2	E. W. Ensign,	New Haven,	6	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	150	18.00
Solomon.....	3	John H. Barlow,	Derby.	15	1	1	2	.....	.....	242	45.00
Franklin.....	4	John Benson,	Norwich,	6	3	.....	2	.....	.....	118	18.00
Washington.....	6	Abel C. Allison,	Middletown,	6	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	192	12.00
Union.....	7	Wm. H. Tubbs,	New London,	4	.....	2	7	.....	.....	91	21.00
Trinity.....	9	Orrin M. Burnham,	Willimantic,	7	.....	1	1	1	.....	90	15.00
Ritterhouse.....	11	J. O. Lounds,	Stamford,	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	27.00
Warren.....	12	Morey Ambsbury,	Killingly,	9	.....	2	2	.....	.....	287	30.00
Jerusalem.....	13	William H. Lord,	Bridgeport,	10	.....	1	3	.....	.....	138	21.00
Meridian.....	15	David W. Coe,	Winsted,	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	24.00
Darius.....	16	William H. Braman,	Litchfield,	8	.....	1	1	.....	.....	431	45.00
Pythagoras.....	17	Joseph H. Barnum,	Hartford,	15	.....	1	6	.....	.....	66	18.00
Adoniram.....	18	A. D. West,	Rockville,	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	26	.....
Jerusalem.....	19	David H. Miller,	Ridgefield,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	9.00
Lafayette.....	20	J. W. Gillin,	Granby,	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	108	9.00
Benevolence.....	21	Wm. H. Stark,	Mystic River,	3	1	.....	2	.....	.....	182	69.00
Eureka.....	22	Stephen Stanley,	Waterbury,	23	1	.....	1	.....	.....	146	18.00
Eureka.....	23	Geo. M. Raymond.	Danbury.	6	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	132	9.00
Washington.....	24	Jacob Turk,	Norwalk.	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	111	33.00
Giddings.....	25	E. L. Goodwin,	New Britain,	11	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	121	9.00
Pulaski.....	26	R. C. Smith,	Fair Haven,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166	45.00
Keystone.....	27	S. S. Wilcox,	West Meriden,	15	1	.....	1	.....	.....	143	15.00
Palmer.....	28	Isaac F. Burdick,	Westerly, R. I.,	5	2	7	.....	.....	.....	56	18.00
Burning Bush.....	29	John G. Hayden,	Essex.	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	24.00
Washington.....	30	Simon B. Douglas,	Suffield,	8	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	54	36.00
Columbia.....	31	J. H. Thompson,	Collinsville,	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	45.00
Pequabuck.....	32	John Farnum,	Bristol.	15	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	34	27.00
Ousatonie.....	33	Geo. W. Anthony,	New Milford,	9	18	18.00
Freestone.....	34	Ellsworth B. Strong,	Portland,	6	2	3835	744.00
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List of Grand Chapters,

With the name and residence of the Grand Secretaries thereof.

Name of Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California.	Lawrence C. Owen,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thomas Bird Harris,	Hamilton.
Delaware,	William N. Goodwin,	Milford.
Dist. of Columbia,	Noble D. Larner,	Milford.
Florida,	A. J. Russell,	Jacksonville.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Wm. B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
Ireland,	John E. Hynderman,	Dublin.
Kansas,	E. T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.	Philip Swigert,	Frankfort.
Louisiana,	Jas. C. Bachelor, M. D.,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Missouri,	George Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Massachusetts.	Thomas Waterman,	Boston.
Maryland,	W. A. Wentz,	Baltimore.
Michigan,	J. Eastman Johnson,	Centreville.
Minnesota,	W. S. Combs,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Nebraska,	R. W. Furnas,	Brownville.
New Hampshire,	Abel Hutchins,	Concord.
New Jersey,	John Woolverton,	Trenton.
New York,	Christopher G. Fox,	Buffalo.
North Carolina,	Thomas B. Carr, M. D.	Wilmington.
Ohio,	James Nesbit,	Troy.
Oregon,	Charles M. Cartwright,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	John Thompson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Geo. H. Burnham,	Providence.
Scotland,	Wm. A. Laurie,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	Augustine T. Smythe,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	Robert Brewster,	Houston.
Vermont,	W. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Virginia.
Wisconsin,	Wm. T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
G. G. Chapter U. S.	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati, O.



Report of Foreign Correspondence.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that they have examined the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters as follows:—

Alabama,	1870.	Mississippi,	1870.
Arkansas,	1870.	Missouri,	1870.
California,	1870.	Nebraska.	1870.
Canada,	1870.	New Hampshire,	1870.
District of Columbia,	1870.	New Jersey,	1870.
Florida,	1870.	New York,	1871.
Georgia,	1870.	North Carolina,	1870.
Illinois,	1870.	Nova Scotia,	1869, 1870.
Indiana,	1870.	Ohio,	1870.
Iowa,	1870.	Oregon,	1870.
Kansas,	1869.	Pennsylvania,	1870.
Kentucky,	1870.	Rhode Island,	1870.
Louisiana,	1870.	South Carolina,	1870.
Maine,	1870.	Tennessee,	1870.
Maryland,	1870.	Texas,	1870.
Massachusetts,	1870.	Vermont,	1870.
Michigan,	1871.	Virginia,	1870.
Minnesota,	1871.	Wisconsin,	1871.

ALABAMA.

The forty-fourth Annual Grand Convention of this jurisdiction was held December 6th, 1870, M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, G. H. P., presiding.

In his address he gives the opinion that

"To subordinate chapters belongs the right to determine questions of jurisdiction over individuals—that such a chapter so possessing the right of jurisdiction over a particular party may, without impropriety, or the violation of any rule, yield its claim in favor of a chapter even of another State; and that the jurisdiction so being yielded, the latter chapter can assume it, and confer the degrees upon the party, if properly qualified to receive them."

He is very properly slow in granting dispensations for conferring degrees and assigns as a reason:

"The power to grant dispensations is a prerogative not to be lightly exercised—certainly not merely for the convenience of individuals, but only in cases of necessity clearly made out, and when it is made manifest that the good of the craft would be promoted thereby."

If every G. H. P. would take the same just view of the subject his labors would be lightened and the craft benefited.

"Masonry made easy" the "quack masonic nostrums" of the day meet with no quarter at his hands.

The following report of the Committee to whom was submitted the question,

"Has the Grand Chapter either the right or the power to compel the observance of any ceremony in conflict with any conscientious scruples of any party against whom it is proposed to be enforced,"

Was concurred in.

"It would be ruinous to our masonic organization, and introduce anarchy and confusion, to allow subordinate officers to disregard the work and ceremonies established by the Grand Body to which such officer,

when he becomes a mason, as well as at the period of his installation, pledges cheerful obedience. The distinction between the principal officer or body, and the subordinate, must be preserved, or the organization must fail. If a party in conforming to the behests of the Grand Chapter under which he is working, imagines that it involves a matter of principle to which he is conscientiously opposed, he may refuse to conform to it at the peril of being tried for recusancy; and if the chapter to which he belongs allows its officers, respectively, to be the judges of the work, and whether it squares with their respective conscientious scruples, thus disregarding the work of the Grand Chapter, which alone has the right to declare what the work shall be, when in session, and the enforcement of which during the vacation between its convocations it entrusts to the Most Ex. Grand High Priest, the Chapter itself becomes recusant, and is liable to be dealt with by the Grand Chapter.

Your committee deem this a sufficient response to the inquiry presented to them. Only adding, that masonry, when properly understood, in none of its departments makes any requisition which contravenes the enlightened consciences of men."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Palmer J. Pillans.

Our Grand Chapter receives its full share, and of our worthy Comp., William Storer, he says:

"Before leaving our Companion Storer, we desire to say to him, and it is with the profoundest sincerity we say it, we part with him most regretfully; his pen has ever flowed with Christian as well as masonic charity, and we always felt that whenever he reprimanded there was justice, and we always knew there was kindness."

M. E. H. Clay Armstrong was re-elected G. H. P. and R. E. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-first annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter met at Little Rock, November 17, 1870, M. E. Elbert H. English, G. H. P., presiding.

The address of the G. H. P. is well worthy of perusal. Much of it, however, refers to matters which one cannot but think would be more appropriately considered in a private

address to the companions. A very clear conception and just appreciation of the symbolism of Capitular masonry is displayed. Among the abundant good things he says:

“While the rebuilders of the Temple were moving on their toilsome journey from the land of captivity to the city and the home of their fathers, when they passed over rough and barren mountains, and came to smooth and fruitful vales, they bowed down, and returned their grateful thanks to Him who safely led them on their way. Their journey was a symbol of our natural, as well as our Masonic life.”

This Grand Chapter looks with apparently great favor upon the educational enterprise known as St. John's College. The G. H. P. urges its patronage and enforces its claims.

“Reared in a new country, as many of us have been, where bear hunters were more numerous than school masters, and about as indispensable, deficiency of early education has been a hindrance to our becoming the most accomplished Masonic lecturers. What we have found wanting in ourselves, let us endeavor to amend in our sons, so that when they become Most Excellent Masters, they may improve upon the lectures of their fathers.

The young fellow craft is told that Masonry and GEOMETRY are synonymous; and the attention of the newly raised Master is invited to a diagram of the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, on the lecturing map, as an instructive symbol of the degree; and yet it often happens that neither the lecturer nor the candidate can solve the problem.”

A memorial page is set apart to the memory of Companion Gabriel McCowan, P. G. Secretary and G. Marshal of this Grand Chapter.

The following decisions were rendered:

1. The suspension of a Mason in a Blue Lodge, for unmasonic conduct *ipso facto* suspends him in the Chapter.
2. A restoration by the Lodge restores in the Chapter, or rather is the occasion that gives to the suspended Brother the right to be treated as a Companion by the Chapter.

We look in vain for any Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. E. H. English was re-elected G. H. P., and Luke E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Chapter convened on the 5th day of April, 1870, M. E. John W. Harville, G. H. P. presiding.

The address of the G. H. P. is very brief, relating solely to local affairs, and indicates harmony and zeal as pervading the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

The report of the committee on Foreign correspondence was presented by Companion Lawrence C. Owen.

He makes very liberal extracts from the able address of the M. E. G. Grand High Priest at the last Triennial convocation, and concludes by saying :

“ Nothing was done of importance to the Craft, and indeed nothing can be done by the General Grand Chapter, it having no power to enforce an edict if it thought proper or necessary to promulgate one, or compel the obedience of any Grand Chapter refusing to obey its mandate. We are in favor of vesting the General Grand Chapter with such powers as the Grand Encampment of the United States Possesses, believing that its present circumscribed authority does not permit it to be of any use or service.”

Referring to the proceedings of our Grand Chapter, he says :

“ The Report on Correspondence was, as for the preceding seventeen years, prepared by Companion William Storer, who has become perfect in the art of culling all that is useful and beautiful, and imparting it in the most pleasing manner to his companions.”

In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois the undoubtedly correct opinion is expressed, that

“ The right of a Grand High Priest to suspend a High Priest from the duties of his office until the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter can not be questioned ; but we do not believe that the Constitution of any Grand Chapter in the world invests him with power to declare the office vacant and order a new election.”

The report of the Committee concludes by way of post-script,

" Since writing the foregoing, we have received official information that the Grand Chapter of Alabama has repealed the resolution severing its connection with the General Grand Chapter, and has returned to its allegiance. We hope this act and the adhesion of the Grand Chapter of Florida are precursors of what are to follow, believing that if all the Grand Chapters in the United States were united the General Grand Chapter would exercise an influence for good which would make itself felt all over the world.

M. E. Companion George T. Grimes was elected G. H. P. and R. E.; Companion Lawrence C. Owen was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry of Canada convened on the 10th day of August, 1870, M. E. Companion T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z.

He opens his excellent address as follows :

" So smooth has been the path of Capitular Masonry in and throughout the Dominion, since we last assembled together, that I have no little difficulty to so prepare the usual annual address, as to make it all interesting. I can, however, at all events, repeat what I said at our last convocation, that I feel happy in once more meeting you, and I pray in all sincerity, that we may be allowed for many a future year, to assemble in harmony and good fellowship,—that no cloud may rise in our Masonic sky, threatening to mar the symmetry of our high and honorable branch of Freemasonry,—and that our future may be as sunshiny as our past has been prosperous,—and so I greet you all well, my companions."

He issued Dispensations for four new Chapters. With fraternal feeling he says :

" Since our last Annual Convocation the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has been formally organized, and although I could not help thinking the action somewhat premature considering the small number of Chapters existing in that Province yet acting on my conviction, that where there is a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter may of right follow, I had no hesitation about acknowledging the "Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia," and wishing that body all success and prosperity."

He makes the following suggestion :

And while on this topic, I have to suggest to Grand Chapters to consider the necessity and propriety of working the Degrees of "*Royal and Select Masters*," as practiced in the United States of America, and known as "*Cryptic*" Masonry. These Degrees should seem to be proper appendages to Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry, and are interesting, if not absolutely necessary. But it would obviously be preferable for Grand Chapter at once to assume the government, and grant Warrants which action, when three or more subordinate Councils spring into life, will result in the regular organization of a Grand Council for Quebec and Ontario, and thus place the Degrees on a correct and prosperous footing.

This is certainly a *novel* way of organizing a Grand Council.

The Grand Chapter assumes the Government of degrees *unknown to it*, grants warrants and forms at least three Councils and then, presto change—the illegitimate children repudiate their parent and establish a Sovereign Body of their own.

Such unnatural *assumption* should meet with just such a *reward*.

Why not let the warrants for Councils be obtained from the legitimate governing power of Cryptic Masonry and then form a new Grand Council. As well might a Grand Lodge assume control of Capitular Masonry, issue warrants for Chapters and when these have thus sprung into being they can form a Grand Chapter.

He alludes to the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec in a conciliatory manner and presses warmly upon the Companions to avoid all dissensions among the Royal Craft.

The M. E. Grand Z was re-elected for the tenth year notwithstanding his earnest wish to be relieved.

Our Canada Companions very sensibly believe in putting and keeping the right man in the right place.

Interesting reports are presented by Grand Superintendents of eleven Districts.

Companion Henry Robertson presented an able Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He reviews thirty-one Grand Chapters, Connecticut, we are sorry to say, is not included. We can make but few selections from this carefully prepared paper. He says :

"The custom of having an annual address delivered by the presiding officer is now almost universally adopted. These utterances of the *master minds* of the Craft—of those who have been selected by the assembled wisdom of each jurisdiction as worthy to occupy the chief place in the Synagogue, contain a vast amount of the most useful information, and are often distinguished by true and genuine eloquence."

He throws the following light upon the titles of their officers:

"Zorubbabel, the Prince of the People;" the second, "Haggai, the Prophet;" and the third, Joshua, the son of Josedech, the High Priest." The Scribes E. and N. represent "Ezra" and "Nehemiah," the "selectors and expounders of the Sacred Law, and attendants on the august Sanhedrim." The Principal Sojourner and his two assistants are closely connected with the esoteric portions of our system, and it is principally through their exertions that hidden treasures are fortunately discovered, and that the earnest seekers after truth are enabled to prosecute their researches in the midst of surrounding difficulties. The "Pursuivant" guards the inner and the "Janitor" the outer entrance, to the Council Chamber. The "Masters of the Veils" have their appropriate situations in the subordinate Chapters, but have no corresponding positions in the Grand Chapter, and are therefore not on the roll of Grand Officers."

We extract the following from the closing of his Report.

"It will be seen that Capitular Masonry is enjoying a gratifying amount of substantial prosperity. From almost every quarter we have cheering intelligence that the ministrations of the Royal Craft are being attended with peace and harmony, and that the numberless blessings which flow from the exercise of the pure principles of our Order are being made available to many "good men and true," who have been selected as worthy of our esteem and respect.

We are also pleased to notice that the intercourse between the members of the Masonic family in different jurisdictions is characterized by a spirit of true fraternal fellowship, and we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings from friends abroad with which we of the Dominion have been favored.

R. E. Companion S. C. Channell is Registrar.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have the proceedings of the semi-annual Convention of this Grand Chapter, held May 9th, 1870.

M. E. B. B. French, Grand High Priest. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her.

Special convocations were held upon the decease of their lamented G. H. P. and nothing was spared to do ample honor to their and our illustrious dead, for his memory is the precious heritage and glory of the Craft everywhere.

From the eloquent eulogy pronounced by Companion Joseph T. Brown, we quote :

"The history of our departed Companion is the story of a good man's path through the world ; a life of labor and of love ; a stream of usefulness welling up from the fountain of his infancy, and increasing, broadening, and deepening until the close of his well-spent existence ; a bright, cheerful river gladdening the hearts of thousands on its either side, and distributing with a generous hand countless blessings all along its course.

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As a Masonic jurist, Companion, French occupied a high and enviable position. The associate and peer of such men as Pike, Mackey, Chase, Morris, Macoy, Simons, and a host of others well known to Masonic fame, and possessed of a clear, logical, and well-disciplined mind, his decisions on points of Masonic law were received with the greatest respect and held in high esteem, and though he has left no volume of jurisprudence as a monument of his industry and research in this direction, still were his many decisions as Grand Master, Grand High Priest, and Grand Master of Templars collected and arranged, they would prove of invaluable assistance to the Masonic student desiring to attain a thorough understanding of the " Law and the Testimony."

As a scholar, Companion French was a gentleman of ripe culture and high attainments, and probably there are few persons in this country who excelled him in a thorough knowledge of the Classics of his own tongue.

He was an easy and extensive writer, his style being marked by a terse, plain, and vigorous use of the Saxon. He was one of the few men who possess the happy faculty of saying just what they want to say, at the right time and in the right manner.

As a poet, his style was graceful, flowing and simple, addressing itself directly to the better feelings of our nature, and marked by the true fire of genius."

The annual Convocation was held November 14, 1870, M. E. J. Lockie, D. G. H. P., presiding.

We learn with pleasure that a representative has been appointed near the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence Companion John Edwin Mason, presented an elaborate report upon the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters.

Referring to our E. Companion Storer, he says:

"We part with this venerable and esteemed brother with feelings of sorrow, for he will be a loss to the editorial staff. God bless him, and give him health and strength for many years."

It is pleasing to read his excellent notice of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and we need hardly apologize for a liberal extract.

"The official copy of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter came to us this year from our *alma mater* in Capitular Masonry, like the blessing given by the mother to her child. With feelings of sincere affection and fraternal esteem we accept them, and begin anew the official correspondence that has been unhappily severed through the dark days of adversity through which we have passed. When we were united, and our Grand Chapter met alternately in Baltimore and Washington, we mingled our annual congratulations together, and in the most fraternal manner, at Convocations and at banquets, assured each other of our mutual esteem and good will. Let us return to the same endearing course of conduct again, and take up the silver cord as though it had never been broken.

All over the world, where Capitular Masonry exists, our "late onpleasantness" seems to have become a household word. It has been magnified abroad until the troubles are believed to be greater than they really are. Our good Companions abroad actually think that the pathetic fate of the Kilkenny cats might be applied to our cases.

"There once was two cats in Kilkenny,
And each thought there was one cat too many;
So they quarrelled and fit,
And they gouged, and they bit
Till, excepting their nails,
And the tips of their tails,
Instead of two cats, there warn't any."

This is not the situation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, nor that of the District of Columbia, and we wish our Companions abroad would take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

We wish our ex-Companion had omitted his, to say the least, ungracious notice of two of our New York Companions, both of whom are widely known and esteemed in every jurisdiction. We trust it was but a passing cloud, and believe our Companion now wishes it were unwritten.

We cannot commend the following :

"Having read more than forty addresses of Grand High Priests at the opening of Annual Convocations, we have been struck with the decided similarity of ideas, and particularly with the opening sentences. Several of them have an opening salutatory to the Craft, couched in whining cant and common-place platitudes, such as have been handed down with traditional accuracy from time immemorial. Nine have the opening substantially the same, and five have it *verbatim et literatim*. If the man is living who invented the original Grand High Priest's address, and he will write to us, we will get him a patent for his invention in the U. S. Patent Office here, to prevent others from stealing his thunder. If he is dead, and it is conceded that the address killed him, let his heirs apply. The author will unquestionably say,—

"He steals my purse steals trash,
'Twas mine, 'tis his, it has been food for thousands,
But he that robs me of my WHINING CANT,
Takes what enriches not himself, but makes me poor indeed."

We think this stricture unjust and wholly uncalled for. The addresses which we have read have surprised us in the ability, fervor, intelligence and eloquence displayed. That there should be a similarity in expression, by different persons upon the same subject-matter, is not to be wondered at, but to call the usual recognition of the goodness and watchful care of the Great I Am, and the usual congratulations of Companions' "whining cant" or "common-place platitudes" is a sad abuse of terms.

Will not our distinguished Companion, happily residing so near the Patent Office and the office of Librarian of Congress immortalize his genius for originality, by preparing something in the way of a G. H. P.'s address, the like of which has never

been seen or heard. We assure him a patent or copyright, either of them will amply protect him from theft and piracy.

We rejoice with him on the completion of the Masonic Temple at Washington and believe "a Royal Arch welcome will there be extended to all." He concludes: "Our council fires are burning brightly; let us smoke the pipe of peace around them." So mote it be.

M. E. J. Lockie was elected G. H. P., and E. N. D. Larnier, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The twenty-third annual Convocation was held January 10, 1870, M. E. D. C. Dawkins, G. H. P. From his excellent address, we copy:

"His rule is the law of love, justice and mercy, or charity, and upon this rock is our world-wide mystic fabric erected. So infinitely transcendent, sacred and inviolable, does the plan of Free Masonry concede the laws of divine revelation to be above all human laws, that all thoughtful subjects will admit that no human being can culpably disregard them with impunity; then with how much more force should that unerring rule apply to all those who profess to have been brought to the light of creative knowledge, advanced to the degree of cultivated intelligence, and exalted to the summit of mystic wisdom?"

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"May this Grand Royal Arch Union, so happily begun, be perpetually harmonious, and may its fraternal utility be ever commensurate with its duration."

The respect for Masonic authority evinced in the following is gratifying:

"It was the evident desire of the Grand Chapter at your last Grand Convocation to hold the present meeting in the city of Jacksonville, and to effect that purpose you, by resolution, authorized the Grand High Priest to ask a Dispensation of the General Grand High Priest. The application was made and refused. The General Grand High Priest entertained the opinion that he had not the official power of removing a constitutional provision of a State Grand Chapter even at its request, the unavoidable result of which is your present Convocation in this city as

heretofore. Some Companions desired me to exercise an official prerogative in the premises, but a single reference to your constitutional provision, in connection with an installation vow taken by your presiding officer, was fully sufficient to satisfy him that such discretion does not exist."

We note the following decision :

"1st. When any Chapter proceedings are discovered to be clearly irregular, they should at once abate, for which an order of the High Priest in open Chapter is sufficient.

2d. A re-elected Chapter officer need not be reinstalled."

We do not quite understand the meaning of the word "abate," in its connection with the first decision. Nor can we perceive where the High Priest of a Chapter finds authority to make an order setting aside or "abating" proceedings of a Chapter for any cause. Of course he may take the responsibility of refusing to entertain or put any motion; but how he can abate any proceeding already had, we do not know.

Nor does it appear clear, by any means, that the second decision is correct; and in this jurisdiction a contrary practice prevails. If a High Priest has been once installed, and many years after again elected, there would be no question, we think, that he should be installed. The installation service relates solely to the term of office for which he is elected, and at every new election, i. e. at the commencement of a new term of office, he should be installed.

We are gratified to note the following exhibition of Masonic charity :

"On motion of Companion T. A. Carruth, the action of M. E. G. H. P., in drawing on the Grand Treasurer for the purpose of educating an orphan of a deceased R. A. Mason, was approved and the draft ordered to be paid."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from Companion T. A. Carruth. He had received proceedings from thirty Grand Chapters. Connecticut is wanting, we regret to notice.

There are many things we would be glad to note, but space forbids.

M. E. D. C. Dawkins was re-elected G. H. P., and Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Grand Chapter convened at Augusta, 27th of April, 1870.
M. E. Moses P. Kellogg, Grand High Priest.

Few Proceedings have afforded us more gratification than these. We feel almost willing to give them entire.

From the "gilt edged" address of the G. H. P., we copy:

"Contemplate, for a moment, what the High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter should be: physically, a man without spot or blemish; intellectually, a scholar of no ordinary attainments; and spiritually, one who can truly respond with the Psalmist, 'Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy temple? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.'

* * * Can a High Priest, honored with such great responsibilities, fail to appreciate the sacredness of his office! Can he enter the *sanctum sanctorum* daily at high twelve, offer his adorations to Deity, and then go forth with blasphemy on his lips? Can he accept his daily wages from the Giver of all good—then murmur when the bounties of the Lord of the vineyard are more liberally bestowed upon others! Can he be made to lie down in green pastures and be led by the still waters—then turn a deaf ear to the piteous cries of destitute widows and helpless orphans! Can he pass over the rough and rugged road, performing his pilgrimage in meek humility, feeling that he who humbleth himself shall be exalted—then go forth and oppress, aye, crush to the very dust, a poor helpless mortal, struggling against poverty and its attendant evils! Can he, for the paltry price of thirty pieces of silver, betray his benefactor, and prove recreant to his sacred trust, by recommending the admission of a traitor into our midst! '*Procul, O procul este profani!*'

But, were the erring Brother arraigned before you, *who would dare cast the first stone?*

My Companions, it is incumbent on those who belong to the holy order of high priesthood to cultivate virtues—so practical that the hissing serpent may be transformed into a rod of support by our simple touch—that our breasts should be so pure that the leprous hand may be made whole by coming in contact—that our sympathy for a distressed brother, destitute widows, and unprotected orphans, should be so active, that the waters of the river may be converted into life-giving blood by being poured out from our cups of charity. Then, and only then, can we claim to be invested with the Signet of Truth, which alone can qualify us to approach the white vail of the Sanctuary with a reasonable hope of gaining

admission to the presence of the Grand Council, where incense burns both night and day.

* * * What a wonderful inflatus from the soul of the universe must have been infused into Masonry, to enable it to attract to its altars in every age, men of intelligence, probity and influence—enabling it to withstand all the rude shocks of war, revolution and persecution—waxing stronger as its solitary beacon light shone amidst the strifes and turmoils of the profane, to guide in his dubious course the humble, honest seeker after truth! Peaceful, and at all times submissive to “the powers that be,” the Institution has survived the ruin of empires, the rise and fall of false philosophies, assiduously working in the rough quarries of the human heart, as the great conservator of the teachings of the one true and living God. It was the builder of the noblest edifice the world ever saw; and when completed it dedicated it to the worship of the Great I AM. When the fierce wrath of offended Deity caused that magnificent temple to be laid in ruins, and his favorite people to be led away captive into a strange land, then Masonry silently wrapped her mantle of secrecy around the only copy of the Book of the Law left in existence, stood, during all those long dreary years of captivity, the lone, faithful sentinel over the precious treasure; and when the fierce storm had passed by, she drew forth from its safe retreat the WORD OF GOD, and opened its pages upon her Altar, the Great Light of the Order.”

He thus puts the office of Grand Lecturer in its right light. He recommends

“I approve your action; and recommend that the office of Grand Lecturer be continued, requiring that officer to make an annual report of his labors to this Grand Body, to exemplify the work at each Annual Convocation for the benefit of the craft in general, but for the officers and members of the Grand Chapter in particular, adding the duty of presenting the Report on Foreign Correspondence. And for these labors let his wages be a penny, the same as all other officers; and when visiting the Subordinate Chapters, let them remember that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and govern themselves accordingly.”

The Grand Chapter repealed its regulation, prohibiting substitutes. The committee on expunging the Past Masters' degree from the curriculum of Chapter degrees, reported as follows:—

“Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, of which R. L. Roddy shall be chairman, to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of expunging the Past Masters, from the curriculum of Chapter degrees in this jurisdiction, and report at the present Convocation.”

The resolution was very wisely laid upon the table until the next Annual. Do the Companions propose to restrict the Royal Arch to only those who are actual Past Masters of a Blue Lodge? That is the primitive usage we believe. If such restriction is intended then such a resolution might be adopted, but it is feared Georgia Companions exalted under the new regulation might find themselves denied when away from home. Why not strike out Mark Master and Most Excellent Master as well? There is no folly in the P. M. degree, it is, if any, in those conferring it.

A full and well considered and digested Report on Foreign correspondence by Companion Sam'l Laurence, P. G. H. P. appears. He reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters. Our Grand Chapter receives proper notice.

We are pleased to see that he was made the recipient of a P. G. H. Priest's Jewel. He is as highly esteemed abroad as at home. The report closes as follows:

"One word we are constrained to add, to the credit of the Order, and that is, to express our satisfaction to find, with Companion Isaacs, an increased and increasing fervency of faith in the Great I Am, the God of our Fathers, Jehovah, blessed forevermore. So long as this faith is sincere, we have nothing to fear for our Institution."

The M. E., G. H. P. was re-elected, and E., J. Emmett Blackshear was elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Chapter convened October 7, 1870. M. E. John M. Pearson, G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest reports no cause of disturbance and prevalence of Harmony and peace.

"Not that peace resulting from inactivity, for our chapters have been busy and have done much work—but that peace that always results from a faithful compliance with our Laws, and patient, earnest work in disseminating the sublime principles of our Royal Art."

He says in relation to objection to a candidate after acceptance.

"It is claimed, and not, I think, without reason, that the objection thus urged should not have more weight than the ballot itself, and if not removed or withdrawn within a reasonable time, that the fee should be returned and the Brother declared rejected, this would dispose of the matter, and the Brother would then be in the same position as if he had been rejected by the ballot, and of course at liberty, to apply again at the expiration of twelve months.

The practice in such case in this jurisdiction is upon objection made a new ballot is immediately ordered and if not clear the candidate is declared rejected. He ought not certainly to be left suspended like Mahomet's coffin between earth and Heaven. If the chapter owes any duty to a candidate, it is to accept or reject him and not to withhold its determination and retain his money.

He decides that Master Masons made in a lodge U. D. are entitled to receive the Chapter degrees although not Technically affiliated. And the Grand Chapter approved the following Report and Resolutions.

Your Committee are of opinion that non-affiliated Master Masons should never be allowed to receive the degree conferred in the Chapter. If they are not willing to sustain a lodge, and contribute to the general cause of Masonry, it is very unlikely that they will any better perform their duties in a higher sphere. He that lacks in little things will be remiss in higher duties, and no encouragement of advancement should be given to those who have proved unfaithful at the threshold."

Resolved, That Master Mason, made by a Lodge under dispensation, are entitled to petition for the Chapter degrees.

Resolved, That a protest against the advancement of a brother to the degrees of the Chapter, has the same force and no more, as the rejection by ballot."

The following was laid on the table by a vote of eighty affirmative and eleven negative.

Resolved, That the representatives of this Grand Chapter, in the general Grand Chapter of the United States, are hereby instructed to introduce a proposition to dissolve the General Grand Chapter, and to advocate

the same ; and, in case the General Grand Chapter does not dissolve, that said representatives are instructed to ask leave to withdraw this Grand Chapter from its membership in the General Grand Chapter.

But the following was subsequently adopted :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this M. E. Grand Chapter to the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the United States be instructed to advocate and vote for the dissolution of the same.

Companion James H. Miles presented the report of the committee on foreign correspondence containing an excellent review of thirty-seven Grand Chapters. He quotes liberally from the address of our Grand High Priest, and feelingly alludes to the farewell address of our esteemed Companion William Storer.

The Companion speaks of Companion Storer as since deceased. He has confounded our late most estimable Grand Secretary, E. G. Storer, deceased, with his brother in the flesh Companion William Storer, whom may the Grand Architect of the Universe in his goodness and mercy spare to us for many years.

M. E. Augustus M. Murry was elected G. H. P. and E., James H. Miles was elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation October 19, 1870.

M. E. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, G. H. P. He presented an interesting and lengthy address, which embraces also the Report on Foreign Correspondence. We quote.

" It goes into the abodes of misery and want, into the squalid hovels of poverty and distress, unsolicited and often unknown, and pours consolation and comfort into the anxious and troubled breast. It stands as a co-worker with the pure and exalted precepts of the Christian religion—that glorious system of virtue and devotion which prepares the spirit of man for the society of angels and of God. Masonry is intended to better the condition of man in his present state of existence, while pure and undefiled religion points out the certainty of heavenly bliss to all the truly pious in that world to which we are all hastening."

We are surprised at this :

"How and by whom shall they be governed, by the body itself? Shall they be governed by some ideal rule or notion of the presiding officer, or by and according to fixed, substantial and universally admitted principles? Let us suppose a case that will present this doctrine of "no appeal from the decision of the High Priest" in a clear and unmistakable light. Companion A. moves that one hundred dollars, out of the charity fund, be appropriated for the relief of the destitute widow and helpless orphans of a deceased companion. The High Priest, covered all over, as he thinks, with prerogatives and landmarks, responds: "I am the Chapter; its funds shall not be thus squandered. The motion is out of order, and from my decision there is no appeal but to the Grand Chapter," and down comes the emblem of authority with a shock that shakes, undermines and overthrows one of the most beautiful and lovely pillars of our Institution, the name of which is CHARITY. Look at it, think of it for a moment, then tell me not that there is no appeal to the Chapter itself from such a decision. But, says some one, that is not a supposable case. I answer, it is, and a thousand times more so than is infallibility in any mortal. In a multiplicity of counsel there is wisdom and safety. In union there is both strength and beauty. There is no lovelier principle on earth than union. Draw the proper distinction between the work, technically speaking, and the business transactions of the Chapter, and the right of appeal from the decision of the High Priest to the Chapter is the only safe and sensible rule by which to be governed, when in the discharge of the legislative and judicial functions of the Chapter.

In Masonic bodies, when engaged in what is understood by them to be *work*, in the masonic and technical meaning of that word, there is no difference of opinion as to who should govern, and by what rules; but when it comes to the business transactions, there is a difference. Some hold that the presiding officer is sovereign, and from whose decision there is no appeal to the body itself. From this opinion I dissent. If any association is entitled to the name of "deliberative," it must be governed by some fixed and known laws, or it will cease to be entitled to the name. It is not important by what name we call these rules; whether by the universally admitted title of "Parliamentary" or not, will not change their effect. There are rules governing civil legislative assemblies that won't apply to Masonic bodies; but I apprehend these rules would be better described by the name of "Constitutional" than that of "parliamentary." Motions to amend, refer, postpone, lay on the table, calls for counts, divisions, I's and No's, are all strictly parliamentary; they are also Masonic, when not engaged in what is exclusively Masonic *work*—while at that, from the decision of the presiding officer there is NO appeal; but when engaged in a legislative or judicial capacity there is.

Suppose for supposition seems to be in order, that a member should move that one hundred dollars be appropriated from the charity fund, for a supper including liquors and the H. P. entertains the motion—What should be said of him? We are not able to perceive what decisions the H. P. is called upon to make while the chapter is at work “in the masonic and technical meaning of the word.” Not to discuss this matter further We think there is no danger of the H. P. surrendering his prerogative to rule and govern his chapter and we are not at all alarmed at the prospect of an appeal unless the G. H. P. or his Deputy visit the Chapter to put the motion. The time has been when by the exercise of this prerogative a Chapter has been saved and the companion prevented from violating the Landmarks.

On the subject of substitutes he says :

“Truthfully has it been said that the whole object of conferring the degrees is to communicate “Truth,” but it is not equally true when it is said “and this once conveyed requires no repetition.” The “Truth” will not only bear, but should be often repeated. “That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren (*not candidates*) to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time,” I presume is not violated by the use of substitutes. Believing that “Truth” may be often told, we also believe the same “Truth” may be often told to the same person. If doing this—that is, using substitutes—should “undo the whole scheme of Webb and his followers, and throw us back on the English system,” we should certainly lose nothing, if antiquity is worthy of Masonic consideration.

It seems to us to say the least a novelty the “conferring the title of Past Grand King” upon Representatives of this Grand Chapter to other Bodies.

The following decisions were made :

That a re-elected Officer should be installed.

That a Royal Arch Mason may sit in a Lodge with a Master Mason suspended or expelled from a Chapter.

Restoration of an officer who stands suspended or expelled does not re-instate him in his office.

That an appeal does not operate as a stay of proceedings.

That an Actual Past Master cannot be present at the conferring of the Virtual Past Masters degree before receiving the mark degree.

M. E. Rees J. Chesnutwood is G. H. P. E. John M. Brannwell is Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The sixteenth Grand Convocation was held October 15, 1870. M. E., Pitkin C. Knight, G. H. P.

Dispensations have been issued to nine new Chapters.

He decides, but we do not see how such a question could arise.

"That having received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite *does not* entitle their recipient to visit a Chapter and be recognized as a Royal Arch Mason, unless he has secured the degrees of the Chapter in a constitutional manner, in a Royal Arch Chapter of the York Rite."

Under "Discipline" he reports the following:

"During the year a circular was distributed through the State, signed A. Smith, Detroit, offering to furnish the Royal Arch work to any one for two dollars. I, therefore, wrote to M. E. Companion Charles H. Brown, Grand High Priest of Michigan, notifying him thereof, and suggesting to him that we did not need the work, as we have our own. He promptly replied, asking Companion Langridge and myself to aid in detecting the author; and, through the efforts of Companion Langridge and the earnest labors of the Grand High Priest of Michigan, the party was skillfully captured, and by Peninsular Chapter, No. 1, at Detroit, unanimously expelled, of which due notice was officially furnished by M. E. Companion Brown, and for which the craft in Michigan are entitled to our thanks."

The report on correspondence is by Companion U. D. Taylor, reviewing very fully and well the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, Connecticut included. The only objectionable features are the apology with which it was introduced, and the one with which it closes.

He quotes largely from the report of Companion Storer, and adds:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the veteran Storer, and is as near a *perfect* report as one could be, according to our notions of such things. It is full and exhaustive, kind and just, neither too brief nor too prolix; in fact, 'tis such a report as age and much experience only can produce, and we read it with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy that we are privileged to read such words, and put on record our own poor words of praise thereof; sorrow, because we shall be privileged to do so no more."

He gives such a glowing account of his experience as lecturer and reporter we cannot forbear copying:

"Now, we have acted in the *role* of Lecturer *some*, and there is considerable fun in that; indeed, there is no greater happiness, masonic, on this green earth, than to alight from a mud-wagon, at some out-of-the-way cross roads, chilled, stiff, and benumbed by the long, long ride over Georgia or Iowa *corduroy*, to be greeted by the "committee," who have patiently waited the coming of "His Excellency," to be ushered into the best room, the easiest chair, on the warmest side of a glowing fire (not the *inside*, as some dull wits wish they had a chance of saying); a glass of "cider flip," hot and strong, the warm supper, the steaming hot coffee and *et ceteras*, the voluptuous bed, the glorious sleep, the fraternal greetings in the little lodge room, next morning, from the eager, thirsty souls awaiting to absorb the words of wisdom as they drop from the lips of the oracle; the friendly contest as to which one shall be honored with the company of the "Grand" Lecturer at dinner; the general resurrection of hidden sweetmeats; the slaughtering of the feathered innocents. (Ah, my friends, every yellow-legged rooster recognizes the Grand Lecturer quite as easily as he does the circuit rider, and will "vamose the ranche" as speedily on his approach.) I repeat, there is some fun in all this (for the Lecturer, not the rooster); but to pore over thousands of pages of Grand Chapter reports, some of them three, four, or, perhaps, five years old, reading all the comings-out and goings-in of each and every one, for fear of omitting something of importance; learning, for the millionth time, that the Committee on—say Unfinished Business—had no unfinished business to finish; penciling here, copying there; commending in one place, censuring in another; adding up long columns of figures for some lazy Secretary; again referring to some old report in your masonic library—if you are fortunate enough to have one—to verify a fact, and after an hour's search, find it no fact at all; writing by daylight, writing by twilight, writing by gas, lamp, or candle-light, or

writing at *midnight*, as we write now ; then correcting the proof, revising the revised proof ; and then calmly (?) sitting on this petard of your own manufacture for a year, expecting every moment to hear that some *good* Companion has touched it off, with his pen, and blown you and your dearly-bought, short lived masonic literary reputation sky-high. All this *for a PENNY !*"

He ridicules unmasonic names of Masonic bodies, as follows :

"The Committee on Dispensations recommended, and the Grand Chapter granted, dispensations to three additional Subordinate Chapters—one called 'Uncle Jack,' No. 91. Why did not the committee also recommend a copy of Webster's unabridged, with a leaf turned down at—'Bathos?' 'But what's the use?' This same committee recommended, and the Grand Chapter granted, a dispensation to 'Big Bottom Chapter, No. 94.'" Hope that dispensation will 'set' well. How much more appropriate, and in every way preferable, would have been a masonic name."

M. E. Z. C. Lure was elected G. H. P.: and E. W. B. Langridge is Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Annual Convention October 19th, 1869. M. E. Owen A. Bassett G. H. P.

The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter comes in beautiful dress, and good clear type. The Grand H. P. makes this cheering announcement.

"Unprecedented prosperity has attended the Royal Craft since last we met. Yet our growth seems to be a healthy and vigorous one—the result of increase in population and rapid development of the State. It may be that we are expanding too much, that Chapters are becoming too numerous, that good material cannot be found in sufficient quantities to authorize the employment of so many workmen, and that skillful craftsmen do not exist in numbers adequate to the proper superintendence of their labors ; but to the close observer who travels throughout our jurisdiction, it will readily appear that no less than twenty five of our most populous counties are capable of sustaining one Chapter each."

He lays down a correct rule as follows :

"I have universally laid down this proposition, that the law and usage of Ancient Craft Masonry may, so far as the same are applicable, be safely followed in all matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry to the individual or the Chapter.

How truthful the following :

"Yet I am aware that Masons, wheresoever dispersed throughout the habitable world, guard with jealous care their early teachings, and no greater sacrifice can be required of them than that of yielding to a modification of the phrases with which they have become familiar, and have been taught to believe contain the exact forms of expression used by the earlier and best informed teachers."

The following were adopted after discussion :

Resolved, That whenever a Chapter is convened in regular or special convocation, it should always be opened in the Royal Arch Degree, and if work is to be done in an inferior degree, the Royal Arch Chapter should be called off to open in the degree to be conferred, then closed in that degree and the Royal Arch Chapter called on, and always closed in the Royal Arch Degree, on the same day.

Resolved, That it is not proper to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon either more or less than three actual candidates at one and the same time.

We perceive several of the Grand Officers were installed by *proxy*. We thought this practice had long since been abandoned. We know of no form for such Installation and do not perceive how there could be, any better than there could be a marriage ceremony performed by proxy, or degrees conferred by proxy.

A very superior Report on Foreign correspondence was presented by Comp. E. T. Carr, reviewing the proceedings of 31 Grand Chapters. Referring to the proceedings of New Jersey he says :

"In giving an account of his official acts, he reports having granted a dispensation to the High Priest of "Three Times Three Chapter" to exalt two candidates, from Wilmington, Delaware, *at sight*, for which he attempts to justify himself." We have had our say on this subject. We have always disapproved it, and see no reason to change our mind.

M. E. Owen A. Bassett was re-elected G. H. P. and E. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 20, 1870. M. E. E. B. Jones G. H. P. He says:

"In numberless instances I have been constrained to refuse to grant dispensation to confer degrees in less time than our laws and usages require. There is apparently a great desire to break down the ancient walls; this tendency I have steadily and firmly resisted."

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"In answer to questions from Chapters, among others I have decided: It is not necessary, at a *special* meeting for work in the Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Master's degrees, to open in the Royal Arch degree, and then call off and open in the degree to be conferred."

He closes his very excellent address as follows:

"I have the satisfaction of feeling that I have not soiled the robes with which your partiality has invested me, by any wanton act of vice, and have the conscious compensation that I have tried to honor our profession by a consistent deportment, and that I can turn over to you to-day the emblems of my official authority with a pride that it has pleased God to give us a year of such peace and prosperity, and that the omens of our future are so auspicious."

Companion Henderson presented the Report on Correspondence.

Under the head of Connecticut we quote:

"In this jurisdiction, the several Chapters are divided among the four Grand Officers for visitation and instruction—a custom we most heartily commend, and recommend that a similar course be adopted in our jurisdiction. It would be a school for those in the natural line of promotion, which would fit them for the duties of the Grand High Priest's chair when the mitre shall be placed upon their head."

We agree with his remarks under Louisiana:

"The mortuary list is published under the questionable heading, 'Affiliated Above.' It takes something more than Royal Arch Masonry to affiliate a man in heaven. Masonry does itself harm by intimating that it has such a religious character as that it prepares its dying Companions for Heaven."

Upon this subject he well puts it :

“ The Grand High Priest speaks bravely and well. When Masonry is reduced to a *cipher* she will be at zero, which in Arabic notation is simply nothing ; and when Royal Arch Masonry is degraded to vulgar buffoonery then strip the mitre from the High Priest's head, and yield him his proper regalia of cap and bells.”

We are surprised at his opinion expressed that an expunging resolution is always in order. With us what is written is written. If corrections are made, they are entered in the minutes of the Convocation making the corrections.

We regret to see that the Grand Chapter did not adopt the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, that “ a member cannot be deprived of voting unless he is under the penalty of suspension or expulsion, so long as he is allowed to sit in the Chapter under no charges he has the privileges of a member.”

We hope such a resolution will yet be adopted.

M. E. Henry Bostwick was elected G. H. P., and E. Phillip Swigest, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter convened February 15, 1870, M. E. Samuel M. Todd G. H. P. He says :

“ From every portion of our jurisdiction come tidings of the continued prosperity and harmonious workings of our beloved order. The labors of the planter have been repaid by full crops and we have been mercifully exempted by Divine Providence from fearful epidemics and disastrous storms and inundations. Let us, therefore, humbly acknowledge our dependence upon the Great Jehovah, by joining our voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him for the mercies vouchsafed to us, and in imploring His aid, protection and guidance for the future ; that our deliberations may be so guided by Divine Wisdom from on high, as to promote the harmony, honor and usefulness of the Royal Art in this jurisdiction.”

E. Companion Joseph P. Horner, presented the report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A majority and minority report was presented from the Committee on the

subject of the General Grand Chapter. The former sustaining the General Grand Chapter, was adopted on a vote by Chapters, by 33 votes in the affirmative to 20 votes in the negative.

Upon the recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P., the following was adopted :

"Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from different Grand Chapters who may present proper credentials, be recognized as such, and that the Grand High Priest be authorized to reciprocate, by the appointment of Representatives from this Grand Chapter near such Grand Chapters as may express a willingness to receive the same."

Companion Horner reviews 27 Grand Chapters. He says, referring to Arkansas :

"A uniform code of by-laws for subordinates was adopted and prescribed. We consider this unnecessary ; the Chapters should be allowed to make their own regulations, and it is sufficient if the Grand Chapter sees that when thus made they do not violate higher law."

The objection seems well taken. A code of by-laws should be recommended, not prescribed, to subordinates, and the fewer by-laws the better.

He quotes with approval the resolution of our Grand Chapter that the General Grand Chapter was large enough without admitting Past Grand High Priests as members, and that the Past Masters degree is well enough where it is.

In common with several of the reviewers, he is severe upon the use of titles not strictly Masonic, and the announcement in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, of the election of "*General* Alfred T. A. Torbert Grand Secretary" furnishes occasion for the following :

"Companion Daniel C. Godwin was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion General Alfred T. A. Torbert, Grand Secretary."

Now let Brother Scot and Companion Gouley, and all the rest of the "corps" that make it part of their creed to say : "From all unmasonic titles, Good Grand Secretaries, deliver us," pale their ineffectual fires, and let "thirty-thirds" and "M. D's." reign triumphant. This last new phase, "*General*" beats the "*Flour Inspector*" all hollow. Recurring to the profane world for an explanation of what to us Masonically is an

hieroglyphic, we are constrained to think that "Gen." stands for "General," and wonder to what army, or to what species, legal, military, or otherwise, our Companion belongs, with a slight suspicion that it may be "Horse Marines." We did think that enough Masonic modesty existed to have spared us this last inflection; it is impossible to make it more ridiculous, however, than to show our brethren how it looks exactly as it appears in the printed proceedings before us—first, in the *Signature*:

"ATTEST: Gen. A. T. A. TORBERT, Grand Secretary."

And again in the returns of the subordinate Chapter, thus:

"Comp. Gen. ALFRED T. A. TORBERT . . . R. A. C."

Let our other titular dignitaries of Rites and Learned Professions take back seats."

It seems that the use of titles in nowise appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry is to say the least, not in good taste in matters relating solely to that branch of Masonry. However, this is a *non essential* "*de gustibus non est disputandum.*" This excellent Companion is very decidedly opposed to substitutes, and is no warm supporter of the General Grand Chapter.

He is of the opinion that any objection, without giving reasons, should stop a candidate at any stage of his progress.

M. E. Hugh Green is G. H. P., and James C. Batchelder, "M. D." is Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Annual Convocation held at Portland, May 30, 1871. M. E. Joseph P. Gill, G. H. P.

He says:

"Scarcely a ripple has occurred to mar the surface of the stream on the tranquil bosom of which we have been safely carried amid the dangers and difficulties we are subject to, while traveling the rough and rugged path of life, and the promise for the future is no less hopeful and cheering than has been the experience of the past."

And notices the following decisions among others:

1. A candidate was regularly proposed and accepted and received the first three degrees; a member then objects to his receiving the R. A. Degree, refusing to give his reasons.

Ans. The candidate having received a part of the degrees, the objection must be made known to the chapter, and the case decided by a majority vote.

2. A member of a lodge applies to a chapter for the degrees. The lodge is not within the jurisdiction of the chapter, but the applicant's home is nearer that chapter than to any other. Where does he belong?

Ans. If the brother who made application to the chapter lives nearer to that one than to any other, by the usually traveled route (not by an air line or any difficult or unusual route), he is within the jurisdiction of that chapter. The jurisdiction of Chapters has no reference to lodges, and therefore does not necessarily exclude or include all or any of the members of any specified lodge, but extends half way, by the usually traveled route, to the nearest Chapter.

3 Hancock Chapter applied to me for a Dispensation authorizing them to appear in form, and as a Chapter at the time and places of the services of the decoration of soldiers' graves.

Ans. "It is an established principle that masonic bodies should not appear in public as such except on occasions specifically masonic, such as masonic funerals, the laying of corner stones, &c., &c. If there were to be any masonic ceremonies at these services under Dispensation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I should have been very glad to authorize your Chapter to appear in procession; but as the services do not, apparently, partake in any way of a specifically masonic character, I am obliged, much to my regret, to decline granting the request of the Chapter."

The first was retained by the committee for further consideration. The second and third decisions were approved. He closes his address as follows:

"Its order, its decorum, its considerate and gentle respect for authority, and the discreet and amicable spirit with which those invested with power exercise it over their brethren and companions, its concord, friendliness and charity, its inculcation of the strictest virtue and reverence of the Great I AM, are jewels of inestimable value. We may with admiration view its fair proportions, its strong towers, its impregnable defences against all dangers from without; and if we but practice its teachings and heed its requirements, it cannot fail to be a blessing to ourselves, and through us to our fellow-men. In conclusion, I commend you to the blessing of Him, whose favor is life, and the light of whose countenance is joy and peace.

Companion Drummond submitted the Report on Foreign correspondence and ably maintains his position as one of the

chiefs of the Reviews. He reviews 36 Grand Chapters. He notices the proceedings of our Grand Chapter for the year 1869. He argues strongly against the use of substitutes, and discusses with much ability the effect of an appeal from the decision of a subordinate—and argues that such appeal *per se* stays or rather suspends the operation of the sentence of the subordinate. He vindicates the General Grand Chapter and is ready with his answers to all objectors.

He endeavors to sustain the position that a candidate after receiving one degree should not be stopped by an objection without reason, and says “when one becomes a mason then he has rights also which should not be taken away at the mere whim of another.” Now what are the rights of a Mark Master for instance? It is to enjoy all the privileges, rights and immunities of Mark Masters. He has no rights so far as the Lodge of Past Master is concerned any more than a profane, and the question of advancement is to be decided not upon the principle of any right he enjoys by virtue of his being a Mark Master, but upon the conscientious decision of Past Masters or those possessing the rights, privileges and immunities of the superior degree whether such Mark Master shall be accorded the privilege of advancement thereto.

Why say “taken away” by the *mere whim* of another. “Who maketh thee a judge O man” of thy brothers conscience.

Would our Companion in every such case have the candidate advanced notwithstanding objections unless charges were preferred and sustained, sufficiently grave in their character to expel or indefinitely suspend the candidate from the benefit of masonry? The only safe rule in this case is, as in the ballot, upon a petition. Secrecy must be preserved and every Brother must vote, and vote too, privileged from all but the All-seeing eye, and responsible alone to his conscience and his God for the integrity and honesty of his act. The argument is by no means exhausted but space forbids.

Companion Drummond playfully but forcibly replies to the assertion of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island that the G. G. Chapter had ceased to exist.

"This Grand Body *considered* that the General Grand Chapter had ceased to exist" &c. This reminds us of the old story of teacher and pupil. *Teacher*, "John, how many legs has a calf, if we *consider* his tail a leg?" *John*. "Four." *Teacher*. "How do you make that out, you blockhead?" *John*. "Cause, *considering* his tail a leg don't make it one." We think John had better go to Rhode Island."

Grand Secretaries will take notice of the following under the head of statistics.

"The effort to give a table of statistics is still a pursuit of knowledge under difficulties. It is a pity—if not a shame—that the value of the splendid tables of statistics given in some Proceedings should be so greatly diminished by the failure of some Grand Secretaries to give any.

In some cases the columns are not footed; if they were, the time expended in doing it by one man would save the time of thirty or forty others in doing it as many times; in other cases, the number of members in each Chapter are given at the foot of the list; these have to be collected and added: in other cases the lists of members are given with no figures; and the names have to be counted; in some cases, no lists are given at all; in all the other cases, we can by labor obtain the figures desired, but in this last class we have as yet discovered no method of obtaining the statistics."

M. E. Stephen J. Young was elected G. H. P. and E. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

This Grand Chapter convened at Baltimore, November, 14, 1870. M. E. Edward T. Schultz G. H. P. *pro tem*.

The G. H. P. M. E. Charles H. Ohr being absent by reason of injuries from an accident, sent in his Annual Address. He appropriately alludes to the decease of M. E. Companion B. B. French.

The Grand Chapters of Delaware and Nova Scotia were recognized and received a "cordial and fraternal welcome." It was directed that a special committee be appointed to take the necessary steps for the proper reception of the G. G. Chapter and report at a special convocation.

The Report on correspondence, by Comp. E. H. L. Emmons, Jr., embraces thirty-six Grand Chapters. Connecticut receives a pleasant notice. There are many things we would be glad to note, but hardly know where to begin, or where, if we begin, to stop.

M. E. Charles H. Ohr was elected G. H. P. William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS,

The proceedings come embracing three quarterly Convocations and the annual Convocation held December 13, 1870, M. E. Henry Chickering G. H. P. He says:

"Let us not forget, however, that the greatest and most enduring strength, does not always consist in *numbers*, and be careful that we find *positive*, and not mere *negative* arguments for the establishment of new Chapters, as well as *positive* qualities of fitness and character in all candidates upon whom we confer the Sublime Degrees."

Again, and with too much truth:

"I fear that in *some* cases, at least, this idea of the Chapter as a stepping-stone, has been too common, and that out of it has grown a somewhat careless execution of the Chapter work and ritual; and that the beauties and moral teachings of these sublime Degrees have not been sufficiently studied and understood."

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"In my visits to the Chapters, I have tried to impress on the minds of their members, as I would on each of yours to-night, the importance of studying these Degrees, till we each understand and feel their meaning, and see their beauty and force; and then shall we impress them upon the candidates. Work to be impressive and effective, must be *felt* by those performing it, and though a careful adherence to the ritual is important, an impressive rendering of it is certainly no less so. The Chapters are beginning to feel this as they never felt it before, and have made vast improvement; but it cannot be too often or too deeply impressed on all our minds. And not only must it be felt and understood by the officers, but the most effective and impressive work,—and in fact, any that we ought to be satisfied with,—will be in those Chapters whose members, each and all, have studied and comprehended its mean-

ing, and its teachings. When they do, instead of for instance—a senseless shuffling of feet, on certain occasions, there will be an appropriate conversation, full of meaning to all, and conveying to the mind of the candidate, an intelligence which will do much to make him understand and comprehend the ceremonies through which he is passing.”

He complains of the transaction of business in other than the Royal Arch degree. The Committee recommended that the Grand Chapter decree that all business of subordinates be transacted in the R. A. degree which, strange to say, was *negatived*.

Do they ballot for candidates in the M. M. degree? What would be thought of such a proceeding in the E. A. degree? Will Companions give us light on this subject?

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion J. W. Dadmun, and ably reviews forty-five volumes of reports.

He quotes approvingly from an address of our G. H. P. upon the subject of balloting, and says :

“ We wish this paragraph could be read in the ear of every Mason who attempts to use the black ball to spite a Brother or Companion, who proposes a worthy candidate for the degrees in Freemasonry. To stab a brother in the dark, is an evidence of cowardice and corruption, and severe measures should be used to purge the Fraternity of such members.

Of Companion Storer he says :

“ Companion Storer, God bless you ; and when you come down to the ‘ valley and shadow of death,’ may you come like a shock of corn, fully ripe and ready for the garner of the Lord.”

We commend the following to the attention of our worthy Companions of the District of Columbia :

“ Without any attempt at flattery, we must say that the addresses of the Grand High Priests are fully up to that moral standard inculcated by the ritual of the Sublime Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry ; and if the members of our Order live up to this standard, Masonry will survive the ‘ wreck of empires and the crush of worlds.’ So we would say of the several Committees on Foreign Correspondence ; all appear to vie with

each other in demanding, not only strict conformity to the prescribed ritual, but a life exemplification of the moral principles of the Order."

M. E. Henry Chickering was re-elected Grand High Priest, but we observe he was not *installed*.

E. Companion Alfred F. Chapman is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-second annual Convocation was held January 9, 1871, M. E. Charles H. Brown, G. H. P.

He expresses his *chagrin* and *mortification* at being obliged to report the trial and suspension of P. G. H. P. Czar Jones. The G. Chapter thought this too light a punishment, and expelled him. The offence was a violation of an edict against the circulation of books purporting to contain the esoterics of the Chapter. This action is timely, and is recommended especially to the attention of the Craft.

He makes a good suggestion:

"I find no provision in our laws for any fee, for Dispensations to confer the degrees of R. A. Masonry. I believe there should be some rule adopted so as to require a fee for the favor. By this means a source of great trouble to the G. H. P. and an occasion for much correspondence will be avoided: for under such a provision applications will only be made in cases of extreme necessity."

He concludes with these beautiful thoughts:

"About this chamber I see many Companions whose kindly faces and greetings have cheered and enlivened us for many years. Nor does it escape me that time with busy fingers has been twining silver threads with our darker locks 'Since first we were acquaint.' How swiftly go the flying years! Yes, my Companions, many of us have already passed the summit and are traveling down the westward slope of life. We have left its morning garlands, withered and dead by the wayside far behind us. Tired and weary we have come in hither to 'rest and refresh ourselves,' 'perchance to hearken to a lesson that shall cheer us on our way.' Soon the roseate tints of the coming evening will steal along our western sky bidding us wrap our mantles the closer around our weary

limbs to guard them from the chilling dews of declining day. Thus may we travel along together until we come down to the banks of that deep flowing river beyond whose dark current are the peaceful abodes of the blest. And should we be permitted to pause before crossing to the other shore, may the consciousness of a well grounded hope enable us to wave a glad farewell to those who yet tarry behind, and then trustingly to cross from the turmoil and labors of earth to perfect and eternal rest beneath the pleasant shade on the other side."

The G. Chapter decided that the D. G. H. P. had authority to issue Dispensations for new Chapters.

Companion J. Eastman Johnson presented the Report on Correspondence covering thirty-two Grand Chapters.

We commend the following to our Companion of the District of Columbia :

"We have been deeply impressed by the addresses of the G. H. Priests. These almost without exception are productions of a high order. We find profusely interspersed among them, passages of great literary beauty and excellence, skillfully and eloquently setting forth the history, the spirit, and the merits of Masonic institutions. They are pervaded by a tone of pure Christian morality. The vices of profanity and intemperance, and all other practices unbecoming a R. A. Mason, are sternly rebuked by them, and the Supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures over our hearts and lives, is affectionately and earnestly inculcated."

We see nothing further of special interest to the Companions of this G. Chapter. The proceedings indicate a good condition of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction.

M. E. Hugh McCrudy is G. H. P. and E. J. Eastman Johnson Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The tenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 10th day of January, 1871, M. E. E. D. B. Porter, G. H. P.

His address opens:

"Having safely passed over another year's journey on the 'rugged path' of life, and having again assembled around our Masonic altar, it

becomes us with due reverence to render thanks to the Supreme High Priest of Heaven, for His mercies in the past, and to invoke His assistance in the great and good work in which we are engaged—the advancement of the welfare of the Royal Craft, whose interests we represent.”

He evidently intends to vindicate his authority, for he says :

“ In the ‘ Uniform Code of By-Laws ’ adopted by this Grand Chapter in 1863, the time of meeting—time of holding elections—the amount of yearly dues, &c., were left blank, and no specific authority granted by the Grand Chapter to subordinates to fill said blanks. In consequence of this, Winona Chapter, No. 5, (through its learned Secretary,) presented me with a very lengthy communication, containing a *few* questions, with a *great many* answers. The only question which I thought required any answer, was the following :

‘ Whether, in the opinion of the Grand High Priest, this Chapter has any authority to fill the said blanks legally? and if yea, from whence derived? ’

To the first interrogatory I answered, *Yes*. As to the ‘ from whence derived,’ I did not see fit to give any answer, not considering myself specially accountable to the Secretary of said Chapter for my action in the premises.”

The following is cited as a specimen of his wit and wisdom :

“ I received a request from the High Priest of Owatonna Chapter, No. 15, to grant a dispensation to hold an election for High Priest, he being about to leave for State Prison—as Warden.

To this I replied, ‘ that it is not necessary, nor would it be proper, to hold an election for H. P. until the next regular election. In the absence of the High Priest it is the right and duty of the King to succeed him. I regard the *right* of the King to succeed the H. P. as a *personal right* vested in him, and that no dispensation can issue to set it aside and order an election; for it is an undoubted principle of justice, that the G. H. P. has no prerogative to interfere, by his dispensing power, with the rights of individuals.”

This decision is based upon the well defined prerogatives of the Officers of the Chapter.

He disapproves of the use of substitutes, although permitted by his Grand Chapter.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our old friend Companion Pierson.

The report is teeming with running comments, full of good practical common sense, and brim full of good humor. He seems to enjoy immensely a frequent tilt with Companion Carson of New Jersey, who is evidently his "dulce decus." The Companion labors to remove any suspicion of ill feeling between them from their "sham battles."

Companions need have no fears on that subject; both are patrons of amiability, and these blows are only "love-taps" after the Italian plan of flogging, heavy strokes up and light strokes down. Companion Pierson alludes to the portion of the address of our G. H. P., where he says he "instituted and installed the officers" of a Chapter U. D.

He very justly puts this pertinent question: "We should be pleased to have the law cited that authorizes the installation of the Officers of a Chapter U. D."

The use of these terms was an inadvertence on the part of the G. H. P., his attention was called to them at the time, and he struck them out; but the "*printer's devil*," it is presumed, put them back.

Chapters U. D. are not *instituted* nor are its Officers *installed* in Connecticut. The Chapter is simply set to work.

M. E. G. W. Merrill was elected G. H. P., and E. Companion Wm. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

At the twenty-second Grand Annual Convocation, held January 20, 1870, M. E. Robert B. Mayes, D. G. H. P. as G. H. P. He says:

"Since my accession to the office of Grand High Priest, I have granted two dispensations for the institution of new Chapters, which will be designated as usual, in the Grand Secretary's Report. I also issued certificates of proxy, to qualified Companions, authorizing them to install the officers elect."

Are the Officers of a Chapter U. D. *elected* and *installed* in Mississippi? The following should be read and pondered by every Mason:

"Pure religion and undefiled, is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world."—James i-27. This is not, nor was it intended to be, a full and adequate definition of religion. Religion may be considered, not only with reference to the conduct, but with reference to the intellectual nature, and to the emotional nature of man. A system of dogmatic theology, however symmetrical and true, cannot, alone, entitle him who believes it to be called religious; for only his intellectual nature is involved, and "faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."—James ii-17. But such faith accompanied by works, is not religion, whole and entire; for in these there is no religion, or rebinding, of man to God. The vitalizing principle of religion is that which controls the emotional man; it is charity, or love; love of God, manifested in love for all mankind." "Faith works by love, and purifies the heart," and the certain result is "works of faith and labors of love."

I am led to these reflections by remarks with which I have met in the proceedings of various Grand Chapters: remarks calculated to injure Masonry by attributing to it all the progress in enlightenment and virtue which glimmer through the moral darkness of the times. I wish, therefore, to define the extent to which Masonry and Religion are coincident, and limit the assumptions of the former, so far as the official expression of my opinion can have that effect, within the bounds of truth.

The religious men of whatever creed, may select Masonry as an instrument with which to do some things which practical religion demands. But Masonry is not Religion. Its religious creed is expressed in a single article of faith, common to all religions; namely, the existence of God; so that it may adopt the language of Pope's Universal Prayer,

Father of all, in every age,
In every clime adored,
By saint, by savage and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord.

With these exceptions, Masonry has nothing in common with religion, except works of charity; and while these may educate our youth, and ameliorate the condition of our kind, they can never redeem the depraved. Masonry may teach to subdue the passions, but cannot sanctify them. It may lead the erring to reformation, but not to that repentance which needeth not to be repented of. It may throw restraints around a Brother, which will cause his actions to pass the square of virtue; but it cannot regenerate his nature. Masonry has done, is doing, and long may it continue to do, much good in the world; but hers are ancillary works. She claims for herself no more than to be the humble handmaiden of religion. And let not her votaries bring her into disrepute by pretensions which are so obviously unfounded. By arrogating to Masonry all that is effected by religion, we will array against the former all the truly religious, who constitute at present, the best element of our fraternity."

He decided that a Master Mason who had lost his arm, is not eligible to the Chapter degrees.

The correct rule may be stated as follows: "A physical defect happening after the reception of a degree does not disqualify the candidate for advancement to a higher degree, provided such defect does not prevent the candidate from receiving and imparting in the usual manner the Masonic knowledge of such higher degree."

E. Companion W. S. Patton presents the Report on Correspondence, being thirty-four pages of exceedingly fine printed matter. We regret it. Please use larger type next time.

Connecticut is not noticed. If it is, we cannot find it through our spectacles. We presume our proceedings did not reach him.

He concludes his report with these eloquent passages:

"Masonry alone by her silent but powerful word, can subdue the passions and keep them in due bonds. It is under her teachings, eternal peace sways an undisturbed sceptre, and passion lies a conquered, prostrate victim at her feet. Our building is yet perfect, its walls strong, its pillars upright, its *sanctum sanctorum* unprofaned; but the Mosque of Omar stands where the master-piece of our ancient brethren stood, and Tyre and her sister cities exist but in name. Kingdoms and empires have risen, gained glory, and have fallen again into ruin and nothingness; new lands have been discovered and peopled; but amid all this changing scene, our glorious and time-honored Order has stood firmly, and yet stands, a monument of the otherwise unrelenting past. But think of Jerusalem as she was, and as she is at the present time. Then, the rising sun gilded the lofty pinnacles of the Temple which, by divine command was erected upon Mt. Moriah to the Great I AM, and his setting rays kissed them as he passed down and disappeared behind the western skies. The Priests swung their censers and chanted the praise of the Most High God, and exhorted the people to Holiness to the Lord.

The only tangible relic of the glory of the first Temple is our beloved Order. It has stood the test of time, and quietly overcome the efforts of fanaticism to destroy it, and is yet vigorous, although three thousand years have passed since it first assumed shape and comeliness. It now stands, a glorious monument of the past, and an ornament of the present."

We regret to receive the announcement of the decease of E. Companion Oscar T. Keeler, Grand Secretary, at the early age of 46 years. His place will be hard to fill.

M. E. Robert B. Mayes is G. H. P., and E. Companion J. L. Power is Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 5th, 1870, M. E. John F. Houston G. H. P.

From his superior address, we quote :

"Another Masonic year has, by the iron hand of time, been rolled into the Gulf of the past, and, in obedience to the statutes of our Order again, under the guidance of a beneficent and All-Wise Creator, are we permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, and to greet each other as companions and co-laborers in the "Work of Patience and Labor of Love." For a time have we turned aside from the active and pressing engagements of life ; have left the endearing associations of home, to mingle in legislative consultation for the general good and prosperity of Capitular Masonry throughout this glorious old commonwealth.

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I am persuaded, my Companions, from the experience of nearly a fifth of a century in the constant practice of our rites, that each degree has in view some definite or specific object, the inculcation of some great moral truth, the fixing in the mind of the recipient some important fact, either in relation to his God, his neighbor, or himself. If, then, it be true that the work consists in the initiatory rite of each degree, and that at each step from the "Quarry to the Tabernacle," our Order seeks only to impress on the mind some great moral truth, it follows that whatever best accomplishes this great end, should be received ; for when we seriously reflect that the minds of men are as differently constituted as difference in education, and an almost infinite variety of occupations, wants and habits can make them, the conclusion forces itself almost irresistibly, that the same words, the same modes of expression, which would convey to one mind the idea, or thought, would not be thoroughly understood, and consequently fail with regard to another. It seems to me that no particular set phraseology, however eloquent and comprehensive, can accomplish the great end proposed by the Grand Chapter. That which should be most desired by us is the accomplishment of the great object

for which we are associated, "the elevation of the affections of men to the great center of all good," and the daily practice of every moral and social virtue."

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"If men, with all their differences of intellect, and habits of thought, and with all the diversity of man's nature, are to be brought to a full comprehension and realization of the moral ethics of Royal Arch Masonry, and only to that point, uniformity must be in the principle, and the application of the principle must be in the spirit, and not in the letter. Again, when we reflect that the work and lectures of Royal Arch Masonry are oral, and can only be recorded in the book of man's memory, we may well wonder and rejoice to find our lecturers succeeding so well."

He condemns most forcibly the vices of intemperance and profanity.

It pains us to note that this most excellent Companion "entered into rest" at the expiration of only two months after the session of the Grand Chapter.

This Grand Chapter decides that the use of "substitutes" is not opposed to the landmarks of Capitular Masonry.

The Report on Correspondence covers thirty-two Grand Chapters, and is from the pen of E. Companion Gouley, and of course is a model.

Connecticut receives a liberal notice, and Companion Storck his just meed of praise.

The Report abounds in practical and sensible comments on the whole range of Masonic questions agitated in the different Grand Chapters.

We quote this gem from the conclusion of his Report:

"When Freemasons learn that Freemasonry is a sublime science, to implant wise and serious truths upon immortal minds; that it is a philosophy teaching principles which bear a close affinity to the Eternal Godhead, and that each candidate is a neophyte seeking the light which shall guide him through the doctrinal labyrinth of the world to the open haven of individual action and responsibility, then they will realize the solemnity of a Masonic degree, and will assist in conferring it with that spirit which the occasion demands. We are glad to know and see that this idea permeates the institution to day, and it is only necessary to implant it upon the human heart and it will become eternal."

He favors, we regret to add, the striking out of the Past Masters degree from Capitular Masonry.

M. E. Companion J. M. Fox was elected G. H. P., and E. Companion George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska commenced June 20th, 1870, this being its fourth Annual Convocation. R. E. E. A. Allen as G. H. P.

The G. H. P. left the jurisdiction, and the duties of his office were discharged by R. E. Companion Allen, D. G. H. P.

He granted one dispensation for a new Chapter.

He urges upon the companions the attainment of *uniformity of work*.

All of the business transacted was of a local character.

Companion Furnas reported from the Committee on Correspondence that they had received the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, Connecticut included, and asked leave to complete the report, and publish the same with the proceedings which permission was granted.

Charity leads us to believe that through neglect of the *binder* the report was omitted from the copy sent us.

We regret this exceedingly, for we judge that our young sister has the material to give us a good report.

M. E. Companion E. A. Allen was re-elected G. H. P., and E. Companion R. W. Furnas was elected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation was held May 17, 1870, M. E. Daniel R. Marshall G. H. P. He beautifully says:

"Back in the dreary centuries, when caste usurped the place of brotherhood, when privilege ruled where equality had ceased to reign, and when brutal power claimed a divine right to govern, without any

responsibility to man for the justice and equity of their acts, Freemasonry taught a different doctrine. Within their walls, under their mystic rose, the emblems of justice, equality and fraternity met the sight, and their doctrines found acceptance in the heart. Freemasonry, moving in its modest way on its great moral mission, exhibits the conservative influence of equity, the power of charity, and the cohesion of fraternity, acting to elevate the individual and society alike, to the noblest rules of human conduct; and may the Spirit of the living God, the great Architect of the Universe, which inspired his devout worshippers in ancient days, in the infancy of art, to erect splendid and beautiful temples to his honor, be present to assist in our councils, and implant in our inmost hearts an earnest and increasing desire to preserve and perpetuate that which our fathers have transmitted to us of the good, the beautiful and the true."

He makes a good suggestion :

"I would respectfully suggest, for your consideration, the regulation of fees for degrees conferred by dispensation. I am of opinion that a fee should be charged for a dispensation, and that Chapters should be required to charge an extra fee for degrees conferred by virtue of a dispensation."

Action was taken condemning the action of the Grand Orient of France, in the matter of Louisiana. We hardly think this is necessary, for certainly no Royal Arch Mason can hold Masonic intercourse with that jurisdiction, while the Grand Lodge Edict of non-intercourse exists.

This resolution was adopted :

"That the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction be and hereby are ordered to transact all the business of their several Chapters while open on the Royal Arch degree, and on that degree only."

The Report on Correspondence is from E. Companion John J. Bell, reviewing twenty-eight Grand Chapters, in a sweeping way. We do not admire this plan, but prefer the old way reviewing each Grand Chapter by itself.

Under the head of "Representation before Constitution," we find the following just observations :

"All our monitors and books of jurisprudence agree that until the new chapter has been formally constituted, dedicated, and its officers installed,

it is but an inchoate body, liable never to become a constituent of the Grand Chapter. While it is true that the act of the Grand Chapter gives life to the new chapter, it does not follow at all that the chapter is at once complete; it could not confer the degrees or do any other Masonic work by virtue of the charter, until it is constituted; in fact, until constitution, it is not a chapter but a proposed chapter, as an officer elected but not installed cannot legally act by virtue of that election. The practical absurdity of the course seen in the case that happened in a western Grand Body a few years since, when after the charter was granted the representatives were admitted, and subsequently the vote granting the charter was reconsidered and the representatives ceased to act, and all in a few hours."

We approve of this, also :

"Our idea is that the ballot is not taken to determine anything between the candidate and the craft, but between ourselves, to ascertain if objection exists, and if that objection appears, then or at any other time before the degree is actually conferred, it is to be regarded equally as though expressed by a black ball."

The Committee approve the use of substitutes.

Upon the order of the H. P. he makes the following remarks:

"The H. P. was never a part of any degree or ceremony of the chapter; it is more modern even than the American, or Webb Royal Arch, and is and should be governed by its own members according to its own regulations and traditions. Companion White seems to suppose that there is something about this Order which every High Priest should know, and without which he is not properly qualified to act as H. P. In answer to this we need but point to the exclusively American character of the degree, and the fact that a large majority of High Priests, even in the United States, have not received it. Not the least absurd part of the New York action, is the making the degree a prerequisite to acting as High Priest. They might as well require the High Priest elect to become a Son of Malta before acting."

M. E. John A Harris is G. H. P., and Abel Hutchins is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held September 14, 1870, M. E. D. S. Battey G. H. P.

Speaking of the decease of several companions, he says:
"Death is no respecter of persons. With him every mortal is a victim, and when they shall fall, or how they shall fall, matters not to him. He obeys orders, and strikes just when and how he is told. Let it be ours so to live, that when our summons comes from the Great I Am, to join with those who have preceded us, we may approach the grave in the full consciousness of having performed our duties well, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality."

Upon the subject of dispensations for conferring degrees, he well remarks:

"It is with great satisfaction that I am permitted to inform you that no instance has occurred where I have been solicited to grant a Dispensation, to confer the Capitular Degrees, in a less time than is required by Constitutional enactments.

No one has failed to observe that these cases of emergency, as they are commonly called, when forced upon our Chapters, sooner or later prove to be sources of evil. How else can it be?"

Reports, among others, the following decisions:

2. "A Chapter having established a By-Law denying to those members who are in arrears for dues, the right to vote at the annual election of officers, must be observed; its operations cannot be suspended.

3. A Royal Arch Mason having been expelled from the Lodge of which he was a member, no action is necessary on the part of the Chapter, except that the High Priest direct the Secretary to mention the fact in his book of minutes.

5. A new Chapter having been instituted, the petitioners, in order to be enrolled as members thereof, must sever their membership with other Chapters by dimitting."

As to No. 2, is it Masonic by any By-Law to deprive a Companion so long as he remains a *member* of a Chapter of one or any of his right of membership for arrearsof dues? Can a Companion be a *member* and not possess the *rights* of a member?

No. 3, we think, enunciates the true rule.

No. 5 is not sound. The act of the Grand Chapter itself severs membership in the Chapters to which petitioners belonged. No decision upon these questions was reached by the Grand Chapter.

We are pleased to see the following upon the subject of territorial jurisdiction :

"No circumstances will justify a Chapter in receiving a petition from an applicant whose residence is outside of its own jurisdiction ; except a written permission, officially signed and sealed, from the Chapter which possesses original jurisdiction. The violation of this rule has produced, and can produce, nothing but inharmonious feeling and evil. And in order to maintain those friendly relations which should ever exist between different jurisdictions, the laws and regulations pertaining thereto should be strictly enforced."

And also :

"But we should ever bear in mind that candidates, as a class, possess some rights which we are bound to respect. A person who offers himself to us unbiassed by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives—one who believes and knows that no earthly objection can be urged against him, should have at least a fair consideration given his application ; and under no circumstances whatever, should any personal, political, or religious differences be entertained."

The same right belongs to all candidates, and no greater, viz : "A fair consideration given to his application" whether it be for imitation or advancement to any degree.

His closing paragraph we heartily commend.

"Let harmony, order and regularity be seen, felt and promoted in our Chapters ; let dignity, sobriety and truth give a tone and manliness to all our discussions and intercourse ; let each companion duly appreciate his relative station and be courteous, sincere and benevolent. Love all, do wrong to none, and we may be happy."

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion T. J. Corson—an inimitable document. We had read so much of him in the other reports before reaching New Jersey, that we were prepared for anything but what we find it actually to be, a

very sensible, instructive and readable paper. He has the faculty of interspersing wit and wisdom, and it is evident that he is only facetious in order to relieve the monotony of dry reports. One cannot, however, help wishing at times that he had omitted an occasional sparkle which would do well enough for badinage of conversation, but not suited for print.

He refers to Companion William Storer :

" Companion William Storer, who has long been not only a *storer* but also a *dispenser* of Masonic light and information, submitted the report on Correspondence, which, to our regret as well as to that of the Masonic world generally, is to be the last of his contributions to this branch of Masonic literature. May the God of mercy bless him and make his last years his best years."

In his notice of Georgia, he says:

" If we do not *practice* the teachings of Masonry we ought at least to cease preaching them. If we are not careful to avoid giving offence, and free to forgive an injury, then we are Freemasons in name only."

Of Iowa, he says:

" He owns up, like a man, that his Grand Chapter violated every feeling of justice, right and decency in withdrawing from the General Grand Chapter, and recommends the Grand Chapter to apply for re-admission to the parent Grand Body. Why, my dear boy, your Grand Chapter never left us. You have been sitting out on the door-step, poking your thumbs in your eyes like a surly child, while we have been enjoying ourselves by toasting our shins and cracking our jokes, after business hours ; but you have never been out of the family, and your pouting has injured no one but yourselves. He and his Grand Chapter want to get in among us for the avowed purpose of breaking up our domestic peace. If we had the power, we would send Iowa, or any other such disorganizer to grass, and permit them to Nebuchadnezarize a while, before we would extend the hand of welcome to one whose stiletto is unsheathed. They want to come to the party, but they want to come only that they may break the dishes. Does shame have any blush in Iowa?"

As a specimen of good humor we give his comments on the receipt of Companion Horner's Report to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

"Whew! here is richness in a concentrated form—mercury at 94° in a Far-in heat thermometer (shades of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—preserve us from deliquescence) baby rolling around the office floor—wife busy preserving in immense quantities, in anticipation of a visit from Horner—patients persistently pestering to be visited—perspiration pouring down our wrinkled cheeks, so that we must literally earn as well as eat our bread in the "sweat of our face"—flies with red-hot feet inflicting indescribable torments, paying no attention to the urgent request, "shoo fly, don't bodder me"—*gnats innumerable running over our paper—ice-water all gone—and yet here are forty odd pages of fine print to be examined and commented upon in the shape of a report on correspondence by Companion Joseph P. Horner.

We will fortify ourself for this task, compared with which the cleansing of the Augean stables was mere play, by singing the following melting strains:

"Oh for a lodge in a garden of cucumbers!
 Oh for an iceberg or two at control!
 Oh for a vale which at midday the dew cumburs!
 Oh for a pleasure trip up to the Pole!

"Oh for a little one-story thermometer,
 With nothing but Zeroes all ranged in a row!
 Oh for a big double-barrelled hygrometer,
 To measure this moisture that rolls from my brow!

"Oh that this cold world were twenty times colder!
 (That's irony red-hot, it seemeth to me)
 Oh for a turn of its dreaded cold shoulder!
 Oh what a comfort an ague would be!"

We would be glad to clip more from his entertaining report upon all the Grand Chapters of the United States and Canada, but space forbids. We conclude by giving his account of himself:

"We are a true disciple of Democritus, the laughing philosopher, and we believe that a hearty laugh promotes digestion.

"Why should a man whose blood is warm within,
 Sit like his grandaunt, cut in alabaster."

Companion Birnie says that he could quote from our report "*ad nauseam*," and the fact that he does not do so proves that he has a tender regard for the gastric organs of the Companions for whom he prepares his literary feast.

When we meet face to face, as we hope we may, (Shall it not be at Baltimore, in 1871?) Companion Birnie will find a hand-grip ready for him, and will see that we are not as black as we are sometimes painted."

M. E. Companion M. Higginbotham is G. H. P., and E. Companion John Woolverton is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Chapter held its seventy-fourth annual convocation, February 7, 1871. M. E. John W. Simons, G. H. P.

One hundred and sixty-one Chapters were represented. The address of the G. H. P. is one of the best productions of the kind we have yet seen, just such as would be expected from its distinguished author. It opens as follows:

The agreement to live in love and unity is the summing up of the Masonic ideal, and carries with it, not only the thought of peaceful and harmonious relations among ourselves, and the pleasant emulation of sincere fraternal unity, but suggests the effort and the sacrifice which we assume, each for himself, when, at the altars of Masonry, we receive the mystic benison of the craft. To do and to suffer is the common lot of humanity; but to bear the suffering of a brother, and so to labor that the result of our work may redound rather to the interest and prosperity of the Fraternity than to those of the individual workman, is the precept and examples of Masonry.

Of jewels for Grand Officers he says :

In view of the fact that those hitherto in use were made when the mechanical arts were in their infancy, and that the manufacturer appears to have been guided by the idea that size and weight were the points to be specially cared for, I have ordered those which are now before you, and which, in addition to their tasteful and appropriate design, enable us to dispense with the uncomfortable and antiquated collars we have been obliged to wear.

As ever he is a warm supporter of the General Grand Chapter, after commenting upon the various objections urged against it, he eloquently sums up as follows :

We have been taught to venerate and support the General Grand Chapter, frankly and without reservation; not because it possesses too much or too little power, not because it increases or diminishes our rights of local government, but because under its fostering care we have grown and prospered beyond the wildest dreams of the Fathers; because under, by, and through it, we are united with corresponding bodies, giving us the force and influence of a National organization, under the care of which

our system is extending to the uttermost ends of the earth. Sever this bond of national unity, and relegate the several State bodies to their own devices, and our compact front would be at once destroyed; each State, moving in its own orbit, would gradually widen the distance between itself and corresponding bodies, so that in a few years Royal Arch Masonry would take its place among the systems which have flourished for awhile and then been forgotten. Still I desire, while yet I have authority to speak in your name, to urge that the companions who may have your authority to speak for and represent you in the approaching convocation of the General Grand Chapter, be armed with such an expression of opinion as shall enable them to say that New York holds no divided allegiance, entertains no unreasonable prejudices, harbors no degrading suspicions, permits no unworthy jealousies, but casts her lot, where her oath has preceded her, freely and frankly with the General Grand Chapter, and determines that, so far as her influence goes, Royal Arch Masonry in this country shall be one and inseparable, now and forever

He speaks most hopefully and cheerily of their Masonic Temple in progress of erection.

The completion of the work is the finishing of a colossal endowment to sustain and enlarge the sphere of Masonic benevolence forever. In view of this fact, I make urgent appeal to you to help, aid and assist in building this house of the Lord—for it is written that whoso giveth to the poor lendeth to him. You have already given with an open hand, and the bread thus cast upon the waters has come back to you in the uninterrupted peace, harmony and prosperity the Royal Craft has enjoyed under your direction. The work, as I have explained, needs your help more now than ever, and I urge you once more to give, that the Lord's work may be accomplished and his blessing rest upon us.

He highly approves of official visitations.

The grand officer is, so to speak, the connecting link between the different Chapters, and he carries, by authority, the greetings of all the rest to the one he visits. In this way official visitations tend to promote unity and excite interest among the companions, for which reason, it appears to me, they should be encouraged, and that your Grand Officers should, whenever opportunity permit, visit and counsel with the Chapters.

The committee on Jurisprudence report through its distinguished chairman M. E. P. G., G. H. P. Companion Lewis, that

The question is also submitted to us, "is a High Priest, who has been regularly elected and installed, but who has not received the order of

High Priesthood, competent to install the officers of a Chapter?" Our reply is in the negative.

We decidedly dissent.

The report of the committee on Foreign correspondence is well digested by Companion Joseph White. In his notice of Connecticut he says :

In any further attempt to dissolve the General Grand Chapter, Comp. STORER thinks "they will have the co-operation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut." We opine not.

We are also inclined to this opinion with certain restrictions but shall have some remarks to offer upon this subject hereafter. We regret that our Excellent Companion did not refrain his hand when reviewing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. Companion, "a soft word turneth away wrath." The best reply that could have been made to Companion Mason's statement of "the deplorable condition" of the Royal Craft in the city of New York, would have been an invitation to visit and observe for himself. Companion Mason must have been the unfortunate subject of a joke, because in no place in America can better work or material be found.

M. E. Rees G. William is G. H. P. and E. Companion Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held November 30, 1870. M. E. William Murdoch, G. H. P.

We quote from his address.

Thus having arrived at another mile-stone in the rugged path of life, and added another course upon our moral temple, let us pause and examine our work, and see if it has been done in accordance with the Divine Command given by our Supreme Grand Architect, and His laws there laid down, and His designs there drawn upon that our acknowledged moral and spiritual prestle board.

Have we always, before entering upon any great and important undertaking, invoked the blessings of Diety? Has each stone been properly circumscribed and duly gauged, the square of virtue been faithfully applied, and the trowel used with a liberal hand in spreading the cement of friendship and brotherly love?

Have we been always prompt to aid the distressed, the widow, and the orphan, and to protect chastity? Have we, like our ancient brethren, consecrated the seventh day, by resting from our worldly labors, and contemplating the glorious works of creation, and adored their great Creator? In fact, has all our work been good, true and square? Have we dispensed light and truth to the ignorant and uninformed; and has holiness to the Lord been inscribed upon all our thoughts, words and actions?

The High Priest of each subordinate Chapter was required to submit the question of renewing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter before the next Annual Convocation.

We find much to our regret no Report on Foreign correspondence. We hope to see one next year. The Grand Chapter approves the system of Grand Representatives.

M. E. William Mudock was re-elected G. H. P. and E. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Halifax June 23, 1870, M. E. S. R. Sircom as G. H. P.

M. E. Alexander Keith was re-elected G. H. P., and James Gossip Grand Secretary. We observe there is *no Deputy Grand High Priest*.

It is gratifying to observe how nearly like the Grand Chapters of the United States this new Grand Chapter is organized and administered.

A praiseworthy Report on Correspondence, reviewing fifteen Grand Chapters, (Connecticut, we are sorry to say, not included,) is given by E. Companion J. Conway Brown who, we are pained to see is only 18° above zero. We knew it was cold in Halifax, but hardly expected to see it so low as 18° in the month of June, although it is only 32° in South Carolina.

The work practiced in Nova Scotia is the same as that in this jurisdiction. Of the Scotch ritual he says:

"No light appeared to guide us and the document was unanimously voted to the nearest stove; not even then could the slightest symbolism be extracted even in its death agonies, and instead of any blue, purple, scarlet or white flames being distinguished, all we could see was a Fenian green, *Consummatum est!* Scotch Royal Arch Masonry means Fees and Returns to Companion Mackersey at Edinburg."

Here is good judgment in this:

"Why not go at the root of the evil and *compel* an examination on the three first degrees before entertaining a petition? What use can the information given in a Chapter be to him, who is not grounded in the Master Mason's lecture? The connexion of the whole system and the relative dependence of its several parts so beautifully carried out in the ritual, is as a sealed book to him who has not taken the trouble to make himself qualified to distinguish and appreciate.

We fancy we hear the objections raised, touching ritualistic pedantry, and that Chapters would cease to work if only 'posted Masons' were admitted.

May that devoutly wished for consummation soon be attained, and then we shall see Capitular Masonry confer actual, and not as at present, only symbolic honor on those who attain it."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia commences under the most favorable auspices, and we predict for it a bright and glorious future.

OHIO.

The fifty-fourth annual convocation was held September 13, 1870. M. E. Charles C. Kiefer, G. H. P.

One hundred Chapters were represented. Six dispensations for new Chapters were granted. The G. H. P. recommends omitting the Past Masters degrees from the degrees of the Chapter for the following reasons:

I would omit the Past Master's degrees from the degrees of Capitular Masonry, for the following reasons:

First. Its original design was not a degree, (nor was it so used,) but an *honor* or *distinction* conferred on the incumbent of an office.

Second. It has no elements of a *degree*. It is simply the ceremony of inducting a Master into his office. There is nothing about it necessarily secret, except its covenant and means of recognition. The *latter* are practically useless.

Third. It is of no interest to one passing through the chapter, because there is nothing of importance communicated, either in itself or relatively to other degrees; besides, it adds to the expense and labor, while it only cumbers the way to the "Holy Royal Arch." The order of Priesthood can only be conferred on those elected High Priests. It is *their* exclusive privilege. In harmony with that arrangement, the *honor* of "Past Master" should be the exclusive property of Masters or Past Masters of Lodges.

Fourth. The only possible objection to its abrogation, is that the covenant every Royal Arch Mason has taken is in the way; and yet I believe that the power or body, that *enacted* the law requiring it, can *repeal* the law, and release from the claims created in the past. It is an *enacted*, not an *original*, *necessary*, or *inherent* law.

Fifth. So modified, with the "Past Masters Degree" confined to Masters of Lodges, our American system would be simplified—more in harmony with itself. So modified, in a few years no one would be found who would have it restored under any consideration.

The following suggestions are presented. As to the first and second reasons referred to:

What is a degree? Is it not as much a degree as the M. E. Masters? It contains its O. B. and other esoterics. Are the means of recognition less used or more useless than those of the mark or M. E. Masters degrees?

As to the third reason:

The degree is of great interest to a zealous and thoughtful Mason. We are surprised to learn there is nothing of importance communicated in this degree and more surprised that a thing of no importance "should be the exclusive property of Masters or Past Masters of Lodges."

As to the fourth reason:

Is it true that the O. B. of a Royal Arch Mason is the only objection. We were taught that the Royal Arch degree could not be conferred upon any one who had not received the Past Masters degree and originally it was conferred upon Masters of Lodges only as a *complement* to the Master Masons degree and so continued, until some benevolent companion so long ago

that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," desiring to give this light to all who worthily sought it, invented this plan of making Virtual Past Masters.

As to the last reason :

We would suggest that our "*American System*" would be still "more simplified and more in harmony with itself" if the Masters and Most Excellent Master's degrees were also expunged. We think it is to be regretted that they were ever added but so it is and it is useless to hope to remove them.

We were puzzled at the words "Ex. Dep. G. H. P." on page 13, until on investigation we discovered it meant *Excellent*. The universal abbreviation having been E.

A very excellent report on correspondence comes from the pen of Companion J. Kelly O'Neal, reviewing thirty-four Grand Chapters and making due notice of Connecticut. He takes exception to the use of the word "regalia" in place of Masonic clothing. We were once corrected for this by an aged Brother while visiting the Masonic Hall in Cincinnati, years since and have ever governed ourselves accordingly.

He thinks an objection to a candidate who has been elected should have the force of a negative ballot until it is withdrawn. We think a new ballot should in every such case be taken at once.

M. E. Charles C. Kiefer was re-elected G. H. P. James Nesbitt is "*Ex*" Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Tenth Annual Convocation was held June 17, 1870, M. E. James R. Bayley, G. H. P. He says:

Another Masonic year is gone, and we meet to return thanks to the Grand High Priest above for this, the Tenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, whose working for ten long years has been that of brotherly love, without one single thing to mar our peace or harmony.

The address refers to purely local matters. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That no petition for the degrees, or for affiliation in a Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction, shall be entertained unless the applicant, is a member in good standing in some regular Symbolic Lodge."

Such a resolution should be passed and enforced in every jurisdiction. A Brother who does not appreciate Masonry sufficiently to be a member of a Lodge, will never prove of any advantage to the Royal Craft if admitted.

We are pleased with the Report on Correspondence by E. Companion S. F. Chadwick. He reviews twenty Grand Chapters. Connecticut is included, and receives extended notice.

Companion Chadwick does not favor the G. G. Chapter. Under the head of Vermont, he says:

"A heavy snow-drift such as bank up in Vermont would be more of a curiosity to most of our inhabitants than a railroad or a sail-boat in our midst. When it comes to rain, our delight is at its highest pitch. We can then boast of the supreme quality and quantity of this winter luxury. A sleigh-ride is out of the question here."

M. E. James R. Bayley is G. H. P., and E. R. P. Earhart is Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Grand "Communication" of this Grand Chapter was held December 27, 1870, Companion Michael Nisbet, G. H. P.

This Grand Chapter also holds what is called the "Quarterly Grand Communication."

The address of the Grand High Priest is lengthy, confined almost exclusively to a narration of his visit among the subordinates. It reads almost like a book of travels. He is evidently a hard worker and must have expended the larger portion of his time in the work. He says:

"The warrant of a Chapter should be in the possession of its High Priest, and of a Mark Lodge in the possession of its Worshipful Master,

and not allowed to remain exposed in the Chapter-room where unauthorized persons may, in the absence of the High Priest or Worshipful Master, obtain them, and clandestinely open a Chapter or Mark Lodge."

He also says with great truth :

"I am of opinion, that cases of emergency, as contemplated by the Constitution, rarely occur, and that it is unwise and unjust to confer the degrees forthwith upon an applicant, unless there are very good reasons for doing so : unwise, because, from want of thorough and proper scrutiny, improper material may be introduced into the Chapter ; unjust, because a portion of the members are deprived of what is not only their privilege, but their right—the opportunity of expressing their opinion of an applicant by their ballot. As the privilege accorded by the Constitution is abused in so many instances, I would recommend that the practice be prohibited, except by authority of a dispensation, to be issued in each instance, or else that a fee be exacted for each case of conferring the degrees forthwith."

The Report of Companion George Griscom on Foreign Correspondence reviews thirty-five Grand Chapters. He remarks upon Connecticut:

"A feature, novel to us, in these proceedings, is the assignment of specific independent duties, in the making of Grand Visitations, to the other Chiefs of the Grand Chapters, by way of relief and assistance to the Grand High Priest.

Separate reports of their several proceedings in this connection are given by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and by the Grand King, which are very interesting, and show the good effects of their labors."

And also :

"Another peculiarity in Connecticut is, that the Committee on Correspondence consists of but one—Companion William Storer."

There are two good reasons for this, Companion.

1st. Companion William Storer is a host in himself.

2d. No matter how many are on the Committee, *one* generally does the work.

We call special attention to this portion of his concluding remarks :

" We think we may safely say, after a careful review of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, that there is not, in the whole of the vast and multifarious mass of disquisitions, any one point of business or doctrine which calls for the special action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, or upon the discussion of which it would be either expedient or profitable that we should enter: *First*, Those of the discussions which relate to the landmarks of Masonry are not fit subjects for a public report; and are, therefore, not expedient; and, *secondly*, those which criticise the civil polity or literary style prevailing in sister jurisdictions are not within the range of our legitimate business, and therefore we think an interference on our part is uncalled for, and would be altogether useless and unprofitable.

We also think it is not the business of a Committee on Correspondence to enter into discussion or criticism of or to interfere in any way with the internal affairs or polity of other Grand Chapters. It is not even the province of the Grand Chapter itself to do this, unless, perhaps, in exceptional cases, when, as a Grand Chapter, she is called by the express request of another Grand Chapter for advice or co-operation.

We further hold that it is not the business of such Committee to make public to the world any part of the internal government, and especially any part of the ritual of the Order. We therefore look upon all such discussions (which are very apt to, and, as reported, very frequently do, grow into heated and even exasperated controversies) as utterly out of place in the 'Reports.'

Moreover, it is decidedly our opinion that it is not at all the province of such Committee to undertake to decide mooted points of Masonic law, whether affecting the landmarks of the fraternity or otherwise. This is exclusively within the province of the Supreme Chief of the jurisdiction, the Grand High Priest, or of the Grand Chapter itself, or of such delegation of such power as they in their wisdom and by their supreme authority may see fit to make for that express purpose."

M. E. Michael Nisbet was re-elected G. H. P., and E. John Thompson, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

Special Convocation held for the purpose of instituting Franklin Chapter, and installation of officers, M. E. Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P.

An oration replete with learning was pronounced by Rev.

Companion Samuel P. Kelley. We make the following extracts :

"The light of the Master's degree is pure and glorious, but it leaves a shadow to be cleared away, and the earnest seeker for light presses upward and onward through the degrees of the Chapter, in the laudable pursuit of that which was lost. Faithfully discharging all the duties of each station with precision and punctuality, that the work of his hands and the thoughts of his heart be good and true, and such as the great Overseer and Judge of Heaven and earth will see fit to approve, he labors through the quarries, passes to the east, beholds the glories of the temple and passing through the blue of friendship and benevolence, and the purple of union, the scarlet of fervency and zeal, comes in the journeyings, rough and rugged though it be, to the white of purity of heart and rectitude of conduct, where we find, as we have seen the pointings all along, that the great object and pursuit in Masonry, the scope and tendency of all its investigations, is Truth. This is the goal to which all Masonic labor evidently tends. Sought for in every degree, and constantly approached but never thoroughly and intimately embraced ; at length in the Royal Arch, the veils which concealed the object of search from our view are withdrawn, and the inestimable prize stands revealed."

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"Like a great tree of beauty and strength, the Masonic institution stands, her trunk the three degrees which are the basis of every rite and order in every land. Her limbs, branches and leaves the higher degrees which go to make her useful in her generation and through which she bears her fruit ; the same life giving and sustaining power runs through every part of her existence, and goes to make up the animated whole. The trunk without the upper portion would be a trunk, but cut off at the top, with something lacking, could never be a complete tree ; but with its complement, it carries out the great idea of its existence and is perfect in all its parts. To-day we most heartily congratulate you, brethren in Masonry, and your neighbors and friends may well congratulate themselves that the tree is growing here ; that there is shade and fruit coming up in the land, and that the branches are spreading themselves towards heaven, fulfilling the prophecy of old, 'In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely.'"

The Annual Convocation was held March 8th, 1870, G. H. P. presiding. He says ;

"On the 31st of January of the present year, in response to invitations from the Grand High Priest of Connecticut, M. E. J. H. BARLOW and Palmer Chapter, No. 28, I accompanied him in an official visitation to that Chapter, which is working under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, in the village of Westerley. The Chapter assembled at three o'clock P. M., and after conferring the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, called off for refreshment; in the evening they resumed labor and conferred the Royal Arch degree. The High Priest, M. E. RICHARD CURRIE, is a Most Excellent Master in very deed, and with his fine corps of officers, conferred the four degrees in a most creditable manner. The Chapter is well equipped and the efficiency of its presiding officer was manifest in all its appointments. The work is very nearly the same as that furnished to me by M. E. A. T. C. PIERSON some years since, but which has never yet been exemplified in any Chapter working under our authority. The inconsistencies in the work as practiced in this jurisdiction, which are apparent to every educated Mason, particularly in the Royal Arch degree, are not to be found in the work of our sister State; but, on the contrary, their work is a perfect whole, and I should be glad if the officers of Palmer Chapter could exhibit the four degrees before this Grand Chapter. Should it be done, I think a change would at once be made in the Royal Arch work of our jurisdiction."

He begs to be excused from re-election; but the Companions believed in "holding fast to that which is good," and he was not excused.

An amendment to the Constitution was offered to prevent the G. H. P. from making Royal Arch Masons "at sight." It was lost by a vote of twenty-seven to six.

If any such authority exists in the G. H. P., it is not easy to see how any constitutional enactment could prevent its exercise. If it does not exist, it is equally as difficult to see how it can be conferred. It is, if anything, a prerogative, a personal privilege existing in the G. H. P. by virtue of his office. In our opinion, this is but an exercise of the G. H. P.'s power to grant dispensations; nine Companions are present and they are, by the G. H. P., formed into a Chapter under dispensation, himself being the warrant, and when the work is finished in the usual manner, not by communication, but as in any Chapter, the dispensation is revoked, and the Chapter is dissolved by virtue of the same power which constituted it.

However, your Committee cannot perceive that any emergency could arise which would make the exercise of this power desirable or necessary.

The Report on Correspondence covers thirty-four Grand Chapters, and as might be expected from Companions of that jurisdiction, worthy of their past reputation. Space will not permit further mention. R. E. George E. Burnham is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Grand Convocation was held February 15, 1870, M. E. Robert S. Burns, G. H. P. We read with great pleasure:

"We are gradually emerging from our ruins, and our fields begin once more to blossom with the freshness and the fertility of former days. The sword of war hath been sheathed, and the scythe of the husbandman takes the place of the murderous weapon of the soldier. With the progress of time; cultivating the arts of peace, under the benign laws of Providence; with our hearts forever conscious of the sublime eye that looks upon us, and searches the secret in our souls; we may reasonably hope that our blessings will all return, and the voice of complaint and sorrow in the land will give place to that dove song of delight which proclaims a new dawn for spring, and the advent of a gracious summer, relief from all hostile and pernicious influences, and the restoration of our homes to the blessings of our better days."

And he congratulates his Companions as follows:

"It is a subject of congratulation, Companions, that we welcome the return to the bosom of and alliance with the General Grand Chapter of the United States of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and the allegiance of the Grand Chapter of Florida; lately moving in orbits of their own—wandering stars, having no proper place in our zodiac. They have cheerfully yielded to the arguments and persuasions of truth and affection, and are now united with the Grand National Chapter. It is our hope and prayer, and it will be our most earnest endeavor to win back those of our sister Grand Chapters of other States, which still keep lonely places beyond our embrace."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is recognized and welcomed. Twenty-seven Grand Chapters are included in the

Report on Correspondence. Companion Storer receives flattering notice. Under the head of Iowa, he takes exception to the decision of the G. H. P. of that Grand Chapter, that a H. P. may be elected from the floor. He says:

"The qualifications for a H. P. are not the brief ceremony used in the Past Master's degree, but the having served in the capacity of King or Scribe in the Chapter for twelve months. The fact that a Companion has served in either of these capacities is some guarantee that he is competent to fill the presiding officer's chair. Unless some regulation of this sort exists, a newly exalted Companion, by a fortuitous concurrence of circumstances, may be at once elevated to the chair of presiding officer without the least previous preparation or acquaintance with the duties of the office."

It seems to us that a floor member has quite as great advantages for learning to preside over a Chapter as a King or Scribe, the principal duties of these officers generally being to *look wise*, and say nothing.

A Grand Chapter may require such qualification if desired; but we know of no unwritten law requiring such a qualification.

Under the head of New York, he correctly remarks:

"This to us is new doctrine. Certainly, if candidates have been *previously elected* by the Chapter when opened in the R. A. Degree, it is not necessary to open it again on that degree, as far as the work in the inferior degree is concerned. It is a mistake to suppose that the inferior degree is concerned. It is a mistake to suppose that the inferior Lodges are opened under the *sanction and authority of the Chapter*. They are parts of the Chapter themselves, and it is only necessary to open in the R. A. Degree because *all business* must be transacted in that degree."

And with reference to the Order of H. P., he states the true rule:

"It is certainly to be recommended that High Priests receive the Degree, as it puts them in possession of information which will prove useful to them, but we are by no means prepared to say that it is a *sine qua non* to the exercise of the function of the High Priest's office."

His position is also sound upon this subject :

" When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, his duties must be performed by the King and Scribe, in succession. If they should likewise be absent, the Chapter cannot be opened. The Warrant of Constitution is granted to the High Priest, King and Scribe, and their successors in office, and to none else, and none else can lawfully act. But a Past High Priest (no other, no matter how competent,) may, *at the request and under the authority of a King or Scribe, who is present, take the chair and preside over the Chapter.*"

M. E. Montgomery Moses was elected G. H. P., and E. Augustine T. Smythe is Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Stated Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held November 9, 1870, M. E. John W. Hughes, G. H. P., presiding.

The G. H. P.'s address refers to matters of local interest, and is purely a business document. He expresses the hope

" That this institution will ever be respected and upheld by consistent, intelligent and devoted craftsmen. Let us constantly cherish its teachings, and practice the great duties it inculcates. Charity and Hospitality being its grand characteristics, let me exhort you to succor the needy, educate the orphan, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. Be true and devoted to the principles of Morality, Truth and Brotherly Love.

A Committee of five were appointed to repeat a uniform Code of By-Laws for the guidance of the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction."

This Grand Chapter refuses to annul its edict against the employment of substitutes.

The following regulation as to vacancies in office, was adopted :

" It is recommended to Chapters not to confer any two degrees upon the same person within the period between two stated Convocations, and that the R. A. degree be not conferred until after the candidate passes examination in the lectures of the preceding degrees."

Companion George S. Blackie, Assistant Grand Secretary, presents a succinct, comprehensive and systematic report on Foreign Correspondence, Connecticut included. In reviewing the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts upon the subject of employing substitutes, he says :

"The question, we are aware, admits of two sides, but at the same time we believe that Tennessee has acted in the proper manner; her "tenacity" to the landmarks is her only stay, and if our forefathers erred, we are right in amending their errors. It is better to do no work at all than to work wrongly. Will our Companions think it right to make a one legged man a Mason rather than not one at all? We regard the one case as parallel to the other."

M. E. William H. Armstrong is G. H. P., and R. E. E. John Frizzell is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Houston, June 13, 1870, M. E. W. G. Veal, G. H. P.

Forty-three Chapters represented. He says :

"From the very threshold of its sanctum, up through every grade, until we reach that awfully glorious inscription, "*Holiness to the Lord*," we are taught the lessons of self-denial, moral purity, faith in God, the profoundest reverence for His most holy name, hope of immortality in His holy and glorious presence, and that charity which is love to God, love to one another, and love to all mankind. Masonry requires these graces to be implanted in the mind and heart. Masonry is, indeed, eminently heart work. He who is not a Mason in his heart, can make but a poor show of it externally."

He very justly censures as follows :

"Regardless of the plain law of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, many of the subordinate Chapters commence their work on Saturday night and continue until after 12 o'clock at night, and thereby do work on the Lord's day. This violation of law should not be tolerated. Masonry has always claimed to be the conservator of truth, good morals, true piety and be-

nevolence. Let us not give our enemies an excuse for calling in question the sincerity of our professions."

He beautifully adds :

"Masonry, as an Institution, has a high and holy mission to perform ; to dispense true light to them that are in darkness, to reclaim the erring, to support the weak, and to relieve and comfort the distressed. To accomplish this, she must exhibit in the exterior life of her members those graces and virtues which she commends to others, else she will be justly confronted with the old proverb ; ' Physician heal thyself.' It is a gratifying consideration that society in general throughout our country is recovering from the terrible demoralization of the war and revolutions through which we have passed. Let us, as an enlightened body, seize the advantage of this flood tide of reform to purge our holy tabernacle from all defilement, and clear away from its portals all that moral rubbish which leads the profane to call in question its wisdom, and which impairs its strength and mars its beauty."

And closes with this :

"May our hearts be pure as the Altar, and our labors as acceptable as the offering, so that when our Convocation has closed, we may go hence dispensing Masonic light and diffusing Masonic charity as constantly as the recurring wants of helpless orphanage and destitute widowhood ; and when the rough and rugged journey of life is ended, may we all pass through the white veil into the sanctuary where the great I Am forever presides."

The D. G. H. P. made the following correct decision :

"1st. That neither the M. E. Grand High Priest nor his Deputy have authority to resuscitate a Chapter whose Charter has been revoked.

"2d. That after the minutes of the Grand Chapter have been read and approved, an omission cannot be supplied by a Grand officer, after the close of the Convocation."

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are each required to give a bond, and a copy of the bond of each, as executed and approved, are published with the proceedings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence requested and obtained further time to complete their report. We presume it has not yet been completed ; if so, it does not appear in the proceedings.

We judge from the proceedings that the Royal Craft is flourishing in this far off and large jurisdiction.

M. E. S. S. Munger was elected G. H. P. and E. Robert Brewster Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Annual Convocation assembled at Burlington, June 17, 1870. M. E. Charles A. Miles, G. H. P.

He says :

"It was a saying of Socrates, that it was "the duty of man to do good to his friends, and to make friends of his enemies." Has not this conduct been pursued by Free Masons with most eminent success? Have they not by force of character alone, without appealing to the arm of aggressive violence, vanquished their opponents? True to the principles that they profess, the power of those very principles has prevailed ; and where'er we look, from North to South, from East to West, we behold them triumphantly planting their banner, and preaching their doctrines of Truth, Liberty and Justice. Silently, yet surely, this mighty ball of power gathers size and strength, as it rolls along, crushing in its progress, let us hope, no inconsiderable portion of the sin and suffering it encounters in its path. From every quarter of the globe, wafted by every wind that blows, come glad assurances of its success, that never has the order been more flourishing, both in its popularity and the fulfillment of the grand ends that it has in view,—and in the great order and fitness of things, as the ages roll around, while Masonry continues true to its teachings, this glad result must as surely follow, as the sunshine the storm, or the day succeeds the night. If the Craft abide by their ancient landmarks and wander not into the broad way of destruction, if they continue in the 'strait and narrow path' the Supreme High Priest their guardian, director and guide—they must obtain at last the victor's crown. To doubt this were almost to question the truth and justice of the Omniscient."

Again :

"If our order could stand the test of our Civil War, if it could come out unscathed, like the three faithful Jews of old from that fiery furnace, resisting at that time all temptation to deny or forsake its sacred trust, we need little fear that its efforts will be diverted from their legitimate channels, or that the torrent of its power will overflow the bank, desolating and destroying where it was intended to succor and to save."

It seems from his address that the officers of a Chapter U. D. are *installed*. Is that a slip of the pen as in the recent address of the G. H. P. of our Grand Chapter?

Referring to the decease of Companions, he beautifully remarks:

"May we who survive ever bear in mind that we too are mortal—strive to keep their memory green as the fresh turf with which the loving hand of nature has bedecked their graves, and from their example learn to live and feel that when the summons comes, be it sooner or later, that to die nobly and willingly is the duty of a true man and a good Mason."

And closes his address thus:

"It gives me great pleasure to state that I have not been appealed to in my official capacity in a single instance to decide any question or settle any dispute in the subordinate Chapters, arising from ignorance, misconception or prejudice, clearly showing to what an extent friendship, zeal, and above all, that union in which lies our strength, have made their abiding place with us and governed and guided our counsels. May it be long ere they depart, but with purity of purpose may we still proceed upon our course under the favoring care and protection of the great I Am, who, to the weary among us, ever says, I am Rest; to the poor, I am Riches; to the sick, I am Health; to the afflicted, I am Comfort; to those that have nothing, I am Everything—and to all 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence Comp. Squire Marcy, chairman, review 30 Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter.

In the notice of Connecticut he says of Companion Storer:

"Although he says 'he has grown gray in the service,' we discover no lack of earnestness in his productions, or fervor in his love for the institution."

Under the head of Maine he writes:

"The principle involved in the foregoing resolution prohibiting the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, we deem entirely correct and in conformity with masonic law; yet when we know that substitutes are allowed in twenty-seven States, it would perhaps be better

to conform our ritual and charges to the prevailing practice, rather than to set up an inflexible standard against the large majority of Grand Chapters who allow such substitution. The use of substitutes we believe are allowed in the following jurisdictions :

“Arkansas, Connecticut, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin.

“In Alabama, Iowa, Michigan, Maine and Mississippi, they are prohibited. In Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia, we hear that no rule has been established.”

And in conclusion :

“At last we have come to the end of our labors ; and although it has been severe, yet a very pleasant one. To take up such a mass of printed matter, read, digest, and prepare such facts as appeared to demand our attention, is no sinecure. What we have written has been done with a view to give a fair, impartial and fraternal report of what our sister jurisdictions are doing to build up within us that spiritual Temple which is to endure forever.”

M. E. E. A. Jewett was elected G. H. P. and E. W. H. S. Whitcomb Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia convened December 15, 1870, M. E. John P. Little, G. H. P.

No address from the G. H. P. appears in the proceeding, but we are informed that he delivered “a very appropriate and instructive address.”

It ought not to have been lost to all who were not present.

With truly fraternal feelings, the following resolution was adopted :

“Notwithstanding the Grand Chapter of Virginia does not recognize nor consent to the claim set up for the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, as holding exclusive jurisdiction over the Subordinate Lodges of that State, as set forth in the memorial of the Subordinate Chapters in the limits of that State, to be allowed to form a Grand Chapter for West Virginia :
be it

Resolved, That the consent of this Grand Chapter be given to the formation of a Grand Chapter in West Virginia upon the same terms and conditions, and with the same limitations as the consent of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was given to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of West Virginia."

This, also, a novelty to us appears :

Resolved, That in case a Chapter fails to meet for more than six months, any Companion wishing to withdraw, may pay his dues to the Secretary, and in case there be no Secretary, or it be the semi-annual term, to the Treasurer, who shall give him a receipt for the same, embodying the fact that said Companion wishes to withdraw, and he, shall be withdrawn by the Secretary or Treasurer at the next meeting, and after the date of the said receipt, said Companion shall not be liable for dues : provided, that no Companion who is under charges shall be granted any such receipt."

Companion Wm. B. Isaacs presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and starts with this exuberancy: " We are a member of the ' Mutual Admiration Society,' recommended, vouched for, and advocated by those princes of good fellows and prominent members of that august body, Lawrence, of Georgia, and Corson, of New Jersey. We were put through without a black eye, and we make our annual appearance before you, fully imbued with that enthusiasm which characterizes all young converts to new mysteries ; and should we, in the exuberance of our soul, impose on the universally well known good nature of this Grand Chapter, its members will have the charity to attribute the imposition, not to our Masonic "broughten up," but to our exceeding great joy at the high and distinguished honor which has been conferred on one of their humblest and most *ancient* associates."

He thinks that the Council, being the judge in case of necessity, substitutes are permissible.

He does not favor the General Grand Chapter. Of the difficulties happily adjusted between the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia, he beautifully says :

" With loving, outstretched, Masonic arms, the mother clasps the daughter to her breast, recognizing her independent sovereignty, and

with such a blessing as only a mother can give, she bids her depart from the hearthstone in love and peace, with prayers for her happiness and prosperity."

He quotes freely from the address of our G. H. P. on the subject of balloting. Speaking in reference to the examination of the proceedings of Grand Chapters, he says :

"From the same abundant sources of information, we are introduced to many new-fangled notions, such as adjourning (?) or calling off from hour to hour, or day to day, recording the ayes and noes, calls for previous questions, *lying* on the table, and indeed a prevalence of all the peculiar motions and notions which govern club or parliamentary meetings, but which are unknown in either Supreme or Subordinate Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction, and which we think, as Masons, are "more honored in the breach than the observance."

Yet we find the following :

"*Ordered*, That this Grand Chapter do meet at St. Alban's Hall tomorrow, at twelve o'clock, in *Grand Committee*, to take into consideration the proceedings during recess, and such other matters and things as may tend to the good of Royal Arch Masonry in general, and of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter in particular."

And the following :

"At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, met in Grand Committee on Friday morning, being the 16th day of December, A. L. 5870, A. I. 2400, A. D. 1870.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. B. M. HARRIS, No. 3, Chairman."

And also :

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Committee do now rise.

T E S T E :

B. M. HARRIS, *Chairman*.

JOHN DOVE, *Clerk*."

How is that for parliamentary usage? A "Committee of the Whole," the G. H. P. a *private*, and obedient to the gavel of a "*Chairman*." M. E. John P. Little was re-elected G. H. P., and E. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Annual Convocation held at Milwaukee, January 17, 1871.
M. E. Thomas B. Tyler, G. H. P. He says :

" Let the fifth be stripped of its borrowed plumage, and made to perform the functions originally designed for it. Let the Holy Royal Arch be conferred with such dignity and decorum as will impress indelibly upon the minds of the candidates the fact that the ceremony is not a 'solemn mockery,' but an exemplification of a sublime truth, and designed to make men wiser and better, to give them larger and grander views of the great I Am, and of his wonderful works."

A Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Companion Samuel Fellows, reviews the proceedings of 34 Grand Chapters, Connecticut included.

He ascribes the honor of Grand Secretaryship to R. E. Companion Bartlett, who will be surprised at his being awarded the post of Companion Wheeler. He quotes from the address of our M. E. G. H. P., and from the report of Companion Storer with approval.

Much care and labor has been bestowed on this report, and it is well worthy of perusal notwithstanding the Companion's deprecatory remarks by way of introduction.

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That at each stated Convocation of the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, the Chapter shall be opened and closed upon the Royal Arch degree ; and that at each stated Convocation the minutes shall be read and approved before closing, and read also at the succeeding Convocation for information."

We do not observe anything further of general interest, which in our judgment is a good indication of peace, harmony and healthfulness.

M. E. Joseph Yates was elected G. H. P. and R. E. William T. Palmer Grand Secretary.

Conclusion.

Notwithstanding the labor of your Committee in examining the proceedings of so many Grand Chapters, your Committee cannot but express the great pleasure derived from perusing the many beautiful and ennobling thoughts and valuable suggestions everywhere displayed in the Proceeding. It is a matter of surprise that there should be so little, and comparatively unimportant differences of opinion upon the principles and laws of the Royal Craft. No doubt the uniformity in substance of the Ritual, and the interchange of ideas through the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, has had much to do with this enviable condition. Upon the subject of the General Grand Chapter, there is a diversity of opinion. We think the position of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut is correctly stated as follows:

She acknowledges her allegiance to the General Grand Chapter; she respects its Constitution and all of its edicts in conformity therewith; she asserts her authority as supreme within her territorial jurisdiction, in all matters not embraced in its Constitution; she approves of the General Grand Chapter exercising exclusive jurisdiction in unoccupied Masonic territory; she believes that as an advisory body, and as furnishing a common altar for the Representatives of the various Grand Chapters, and affording an opportunity for a free and full oral discussion of all important Masonic subjects by the best minds in the country, the General Grand Chapter is performing, and will perform its only legitimate and wholesome functions. We are not prepared to extend her powers further than above indicated.

There is very general discussion upon the questions whether an appeal *per se*, stays the sentence of a Chapter. The argument on the one hand seems to be that unless such appeal

does stay proceedings, the innocent may suffer the effect of a sentence which the Grand Chapter might, on appeal, set aside as unjust. On the other hand it is contended that the finding of guilty by the Chapter, is conclusive, until reversal, and that the opposite view would permit an expelled member to sit in the Chapter after he had been decided unworthy.

The better opinion seems to be that such appeal does not stay the sentence unless upon cause shown on appeal the Grand High Priest should grant such stay until the hearing on appeal. This course will save the innocent in doubtful cases from injustice, and in a clear case save the Chapter from an offensive and obnoxious presence.

We find also a difference of opinion on the question whether it is right to employ substitutes. All agree that the denial of such right will in many instances operate as almost a prohibition and practically close the chapters in sparsely populated districts.

The only objection to their use which is strongly pressed, is that it is a violation of the O. B. This turns simply on the use of the words "*persons*" or "*brethren*," instead of "*candidates*." As we were taught it is persons. The argument in favor of the use of substitutes is

1. Its *expediency*, in many instances amounting to a *necessity*, as above indicated.
2. Its antiquity and long established usage.
3. The intention of the requirement is fully answered as well with one or two substitutes as with three *candidates*.

We were taught that there is no requirement in Masonry which is purely arbitrary, but that, as might naturally be inferred from every work of its wise author, everything was fitted and framed with design, and for some good purpose. It is true many times we may not be able to discover any such design, but we think hardly any one would be bold enough to assert that therefore there is no such design.

Why was the number three fixed upon? We venture to suggest in response to this enquiry, so far as it is proper so to do in writing, that the grand central point, and the object of the Mason's work through all the degrees, and the final reward

he receives for his labor, could not be obtained unless in the presence of three Companions. Three has by all people and from all time been esteemed the symbol of Deity, and is therefore intimately connected with what immediately pertains to His name and presence. This will be perceived in the compact of our three Ancient Grand Masters, in the Broken Triangle, and at a later day, in the three Ancient Brethren, the types of our Grand Master, who went up to rebuild the temple and city of Jehovah. They sought that which was lost, and as a condition of its finding, the same number three must be present to receive it, as by the absence of one it had many years before been lost. The representation is historical, and so long as the facts of the traditional history are preserved and the presence of *three weary sojourners* is secured to receive the lost treasure, the design of the requirement in our judgment is fully answered. It is impossible to further amplify and illustrate these last suggestions upon paper, but many other confirmatory circumstances will be readily suggested pointing to the same grand design.

We are highly gratified by the kindly and fraternal notices everywhere appearing of our well-beloved Companion William Storer, so many years the faithful, intelligent and able reporter of our Grand Chapter, and by the universal regret that his declining health forbids his longer continuance in the reportorial corps. Your committee cannot hope to fill his place. He is well known, identified with Masonry in Connecticut for a score and more of years, and at the close of his active labors receives the warm and well-merited plaudits of the whole of the Royal Craft. May we be blessed yet many years with the loving greeting, warm sympathy and wise counsel of our venerable Companion.

All which is respectfully submitted,

LUKE A. LOCKWOOD, *Chairman.*

Order of High Priesthood.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Convention of High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry, of the State of Connecticut, held at the Temple, in the City of New Haven, on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401, the following M. E. companions were present:

JOHN H. BARLOW,	as	M. E. P.
HIRAM K. SCOTT,	as	E. V. P.
EDMUND TWEEDY,		E. Chap.
CHARLES W. STEARNS,		E. H. R.
STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,		E. M. of C.
CHARLES W. STEARNS,	as	E. Cond.
ARTHUR R. BLAKSLEE,		E. Her.
WILLIAM B. CARGILL,	as	E. Stew.
CYRUS GOODELL,		E. Sent.

Companions Thomas Vincent, Amos Beecher, E. Holcomb, C. Tilden, Jr., E. S. Quintard, H. Lyon, W. H. Westwood, A. C. Golding, Dwight Phelps, H. W. Coye, Geo Crabtree, John L. Devotion, L. A. Lockwood, Asa Smith, James Campbell, W. W. Lee, J. K. Wheeler.

The Grand Convention was opened in due form. Applications were received from the following M. E. Companions, soliciting the honor of being admitted to the Order of High Priesthood.

H. H. Lane, S. H. Plumb, David C. Card, Charles R. Lathrop, James H. Jenkins, Robert, M. Wilcox, Wm. Freeston, Wm. Cochran, Ed. W. Redfield and Wm. H. Doan.

Having presented certificates of election to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, they were balloted for and declared elected.

The following Companions were then admitted to the Grand Convention and anointed in due form.

HORATIO H. LANE,	of Franklin	Chapter, No. 2
SETH H. PLUMB,	" Washington	" " 6
DAVID C. CARD,	" Trinity	" " 9
ROBERT M. WILCOX,	" Washington	" " 24
WILLIAM FREESTON,	" Giddings	" " 25
WILLIAM COCHRAN,	" Keystone	" " 27
EDWIN W. REDFIELD,	" Burning Bush,	" " 29
WILLIAM H. DOANE,	" " " "	" " 29

The Grand Convention then proceeded to the choice of officers, and the following M. E. Companions were elected:

JOHN H. BARLOW,	M E. P.
EDMUND TWEEDY,	E. V. P.
STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	E. Chap.
CHARLES W. STEARNS,	E. T. and R.
WILLIAM W. LEE,	E. M. of C.
HIRAM K. SCOTT,	E. Cond.
DWIGHT PHELPS,	E. Her.
A. R. BLAKESLEE,	E. Stew.
CYRUS GOODELL,	E. Sent.

The officers elect were then declared duly installed.

On motion of Companion L. A. Lockwood, the sum of five dollars was appropriated to the E. Sentinel.

A report from the E. Treasurer, showed a balance in his hands, of \$30.53 cents.

No further business appearing, the Grand Convention was closed in due form.

Fees received, \$16.00.

JOHN H. BARLOW, *M. E. P.*

CHARLES W. STEARNS, *Recorder.*

*emasons, Connecticut, Royal Arch Mason
Grand Chapter,*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. GRAND

Royal Arch Chapter

OF THE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

AT THE

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION HELD IN NEW BRITAIN,

NOVEMBER 1, A. I. 2401, A. D. 1871,

AND THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION HELD IN HARTFORD,

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut,

November 1st, A. I. 2401, A. D. 1871.

The semi-annual convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, was held in the City of New Britain, commencing Wednesday, November 1st, A. I. 2401, A. D. 1871, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, with the following

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. CHARLES W. STEARNS,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. WM. WALLACE LEE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EDMUND TWEEDY,	Grand King.
E. CYRUS GOODELL,	as Grand Scribe.
Comp. WM. H. WESTWOOD,	as Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Grand Secretary.
CYRUS GOODELL,	Grand Chaplain.
H. W. COYE,	Grand Captain of the Host.
A. R. BLAKESLEE,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
W. B. CARGILL,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
DWIGHT WAUGH,	Grand Master of 3d Veil.
JOHN H. BINGHAM,	Grand Master of 2d Veil.
THOMAS VINCENT,	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
WM. H. DOANE,	Senior Grand Steward.
WM. H. DALE,	as Junior Grand Steward.
GEORGE H. BOOTH,	as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

JAMES L. GOULD, CYRUS GOODSELL, L. A. LOCKWOOD,
STEPHEN T. BARTLETT.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut was opened in ample form. M. E. Charles W. Stearns, Grand High Priest, in the East.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companion J. K. Wheeler a Committee on Credentials, who, having examined the records and certificates of proxy submitted to him, reported that the following companions were entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter, as

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

<i>Hiram Chapter,</i> Newtown.	No. 1—James M. Blackman, K.
<i>Franklin Chapter,</i> New Haven.	" 2—H. H. Lane, H. P. F. T. Lane, S.
<i>Solomon Chapter,</i> Derby.	" 3—*A. R. Blakeslee, H. P. *Wm. M. Hull, K.
<i>Franklin Chapter,</i> Norwich.	" 4—Not Represented.
<i>Washington Chapter.</i> Middletown.	" 6—S. H. Plumb, H. P.
<i>Union Chapter,</i> New London.	" 7—Alfred Fenwick, H. P.
<i>Trinity Chapter,</i> Willimantic.	" 9—D. C. Card, H. P.
<i>Rittenhouse Chapter,</i> Stamford.	" 11—Dwight Waugh, H. P.
<i>Warren Chapter,</i> Killingly Village.	" 12—Not Represented.
<i>Jerusalem Chapter,</i> Bridgeport.	" 13—*Stephen T. Bartlett, K. —*Wilfred E. Norton, S.
<i>Meridian Chapter,</i> Winsted.	" 15—*Dwight Phelps, H. P. S. A. Granger, K. L. R. King, S.

<i>Darius Chapter,</i> Litchfield.	No. 16—Not Represented.
<i>Pythagoras Chapter,</i> Hartford.	" 17—John H. Bingham, H. P. *Wm. Knox, K. *Geo. H. Newton, S.
<i>Adoniram Chapter,</i> Rockville.	" 18—H. W. Coye, H. P.
<i>Jerusalem Chapter,</i> Ridgefield.	" 19—*A. G. H. Hurlbutt, H. P.
<i>Lafayette Chapter,</i> Granby.	" 20—Edmund Holcomb, H. P.
<i>Benevolence Chapter,</i> Mystic River.	" 21—Not Represented.
<i>Eureka Chapter,</i> Waterbury.	" 22—W. B. Cargill, H. P.
<i>Eureka Chapter,</i> Danbury.	" 23—Joseph Treadwell, H. P. *James B. Baldwin, K.
<i>Washington Chapter,</i> Norwalk.	" 24—*Wm. W. Storey, H. P.
<i>Giddings Chapter,</i> New Britain.	" 25—Wm. Freeston, H. P. Gideon Robinson, K.
<i>Pulaski Chapter,</i> Fair Haven.	" 26—*A. H. Hurlburt, S.
<i>Keystone Chapter,</i> West Meriden.	" 27—Wm. H. Westwood, H. P. Edwin O. Hibbard, K. Collins Upson, S.
<i>Palmer Chapter,</i> Westerly, R. I.	" 28—Thomas Vincent, H. P.
<i>Burning Bush Chapter,</i> Essex.	" 29—Wm. H. Doane, H. P. John I. Hutchinson, S.
<i>Washington Chapter,</i> Suffield.	" 30—*John Burns, Jr., H. P.
<i>Columbia Chapter,</i> Collinsville.	" 31—*Wm. H. Dale, H. P. *Myron W. Thompson, S.
<i>Pequabuck Chapter,</i> Bristol.	" 32—*Silas M. Norton, H. P. *H. H. Warner, K. *H. A. Peck, S.

Ousatonic Chapter,
New Milford.

“ 33—Not Represented.

Freestone Chapter
Portland.

“ 34—*L. Brainard, H. P.
*A. C. Goodrich, S.

(*Proxies.)

On motion of Companion A. R. Blakeslee, the report of the committee on credentials was accepted so far as complete, and left open for further additions by said committee.

On motion of Companion L. A. Lockwood, it was voted that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to visit the Grand Chapter during the sitting of the present Convocation.

M. E. Past Grand High Priest, L. A. Lockwood, presented his credentials as Grand Representative for the M. E. Grand Chapter of Kansas, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which were accepted, and he was introduced, received with the Grand Honors, and invited to a seat in the Grand East.

The representatives of the Grand Chapter, to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, submitted a brief verbal report on the doings of that General Grand body, when, on motion of Companion L. A. Lockwood, it was voted, that the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter relating to ritual, as discussed at the Triennial Convocation, be referred to a committee of five.

The following committee was appointed: Companions James L. Gould, L. Lockwood, J. K. Wheeler, Dwight Waugh, and H. H. Lane.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment.

Giddings Chapter, No. 25, was then opened in due form by its regular officers, when it was called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Mark Masters.

The degree of M. M. was then conferred upon a candidate in due form, and the lectures rehearsed in full; after which the Lodge of Mark Masters was closed in due form.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, officers in their stations as at the morning session.

Companion L. A. Lockwood, from the committee on the subject of ritual, as discussed at the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter, submitted a verbal report relating to the subject, and submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Chapters within this jurisdiction be, and they are, hereby required to conform with the resolution on the subject of ritual, adopted by the M. E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and that the work be promulgated by the first four officers of this Grand Chapter accordingly.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment.

A Lodge of Past Masters was then opened in due form, when the degree of Past Master was conferred upon a candidate in due form, and the lectures rehearsed in full.

The Lodge of Past Masters was then closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened, when the degree of M. E. Master was conferred upon a candidate in due form, and the lectures of the degree rehearsed in full. The Lodge of M. E. Masters was then closed in due form.

EVENING SESSION.

Giddings Chapter, No. 25, was called from refreshment to labor, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon three candidates, and the lectures of the Royal Arch degree rehearsed in full. Giddings Chapter, No. 25, was closed in due form.

The Grand Chapter was then called from refreshment to labor, officers in their respective stations as at the opening.

The following resolution, offered by Companion J. K. Wheeler, was adopted :

Resolved, That the expenses incurred by the delegates from this Grand Chapter to the recent Triennial Convocation of the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Baltimore, be ordered paid.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following Chapters had not been represented at the present semi-annual Convocation, viz.: Franklin, No. 4, of Norwich; Warren, No. 12, of Killingly; Darius, No. 16, of Litchfield; Benevolence, No. 21, of Mystic River; Ousatonic, No. 33, of New Milford, when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the said delinquent Chapters be notified to report to the committee on delinquencies, to be raised at the next annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and show cause, if any, why the penalty for non-representation should not be inflicted.

On motion of Brother W. W. Lee, it was voted that the usual fee of five dollars be paid the Grand Tyler.

On motion, the sum of five dollars was appropriated to defray the expenses of Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Chaplain.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

ATTEST,

J. K. Wheeler
G. Sec

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut;

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

May 7th, A. I. 2402, A. D. 1872.

At the seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Hartford, on Tuesday, May 7th, A. I. 2402, A. D. 1872, the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Representatives were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. CHARLES W. STEARNS,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. WM. WALLACE LEE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EDMUND TWEEDY,	Grand King.
E. JOHN N. LEWIS,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. GEO. LEE,	Grand Treasurer.
“ JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Grand Secretary.
“ CYRUS GOODELL,	Grand Chaplain.
“ H. W. COYE,	Grand Captain of the Host.
“ A. R. BLAKESLEE,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
“ W. B. CARGILL,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
“ DWIGHT WAUGH,	Grand Master of 3d Veil.
“ JOHN H. BINGHAM,	Grand Master of 2d Veil.
“ THOMAS VINCENT,	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
“ H. E. PATTEN,	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. •

J. H. BARLOW, P. G. H. P.; L. A. LOCKWOOD, P. G. H. P.:
CYRUS GOODELL, P. G. H. P.; STEPHEN T. BARTLETT, P. G.
Scribe.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with appropriate ceremonies, and prayer by Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companion J. K. Wheeler a Committee on Credentials, who, having examined the returns and certificates of proxy submitted to him, reported that the following companions were entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, as

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

<i>Hiram Chapter,</i>	No. 1—	W. I. Sanford,	H. H.
		James M. Blackman,	K.
		George Woffenden,	S.
<i>Franklin Chapter,</i>	" 2—	Chas. W. Skiff,	H. P.
		*C. B. Matthewman,	K.
		A. A. Ball,	Scribe.
<i>Solomon Chapter,</i>	" 3—	A. F. Sherwood,	H. P.
		*Henry Bradley,	King.
		R. C. Naramore,	Scribe.
<i>Franklin Chapter,</i>	" 4—	I. W. Carpenter,	H. P.
		Lloyd M. Cobb,	King.
<i>Washington Chapter.</i>	" 6—	L. E. Maynard,	H. P.
		John V. Adams,	King.
		*Seth H. Plumb,	Scribe.
<i>Union Chapter,</i>	" 7—	David Sprague,	King.
<i>Trinity Chapter,</i>	" 9—	C. H. Bidwell,	H. P.
		C. S. Billings,	King.
<i>Rittenhouse Chapter,</i>	" 11—	Dwight Waugh,	H. P.
<i>Warren Chapter,</i>	" 12—	E. H. Wells	H. P.
		*Geo. H. Lovegood,	King.
		*Frank W. Spaulding,	Scribe,

<i>Jerusalem Chapter,</i>	No. 13—	Stephen T. Bartlett,	H. P.
		Wilford E. Norton,	Scribe.
<i>Meridian Chapter,</i>	" 15—	S. A. Granger,	H. P.
		L. R. King,	King.
		*Dwight Phelps,	Scribe.
<i>Darius Chapter,</i>	" 16—	Wm. Demming,	H. P.
<i>Pythagoras Chapter,</i>	" 17—	John H. Bingham,	H. P.
		Chauncey R. Johnson,	King.
		*Edwin Garfield,	Scribe.
<i>Adoniram Chapter,</i>	" 18—	H. W. Coye,	H. P.
		*Alvan T. Tracy,	King.
<i>Jerusalem Chapter,</i>	" 19—	*A. G. H. Hurlbutt,	H. P.
<i>Lafayette Chapter,</i>	" 20—	Edmund Holcomb,	H. P.
		Joseph W. Sanford,	King.
<i>Benevolence Chapter,</i>	" 21—	John H. Allyn,	H. P.
<i>Eureka Chapter,</i>	" 22—	James E. Coer,	H. P.
		H. U. Church,	King.
		Chas. I. Curtis,	Scribe.
<i>Eureka Chapter,</i>	" 23—	*Frank R. Nash	H. P.
		James H. Welsh,	King.
		*Charles H. Gunn,	Scribe.
<i>Washington Chapter,</i>	" 24—	*Wm. W. Storey,	H. P.
		*A. C. Golding,	Scribe.
<i>Giddings Chapter,</i>	" 25—	Wm. Freeston,	H. P.
		Gideon Robinson,	King.
		Alonzo Aston,	Scribe.
<i>Pulaski Chapter,</i>	" 26—	James R. Hunt,	H. P.
<i>Keystone Chapter,</i>	" 27—	Wm. H. Westwood,	H. P.
		Edwin O. Hibbard,	King.
		F. J. Fitch,	Scribe.
<i>Palmer Chapter,</i>	" 28—	R. T. Church,	H. P.
		*Thomas Vincent,	King.
		C. T. Hall,	Scribe.
<i>Burning Bush Chapter,</i>	" 29—	*Niles P. Hough,	H. P.
		John I. Hutchinson,	Scribe.
<i>Washington Chapter,</i>	" 30—	John M. Hatheway,	King.
		N. T. Newton,	Scribe.

<i>Columbia Chapter,</i>	No. 31—	H. M. Barber	H. P.
		Wm. H. Dale,	King.
<i>Pequabuck Chapter,</i>	" 32—	Lester Goodenough,	H. P.
		H. J. Peck,	King.
		O. D. Warner,	Scribe.
<i>Ousatonic Chapter,</i>	" 33—	Albert Turrell,	H. P.
<i>Freestone Chapter</i>	" 34—	LeRoy Brainard,	H. P.
		Geo. B. Cleveland,	King.
		*E. B. Strong,	Scribe.
<i>Union Chapter, U. D.,</i>		John E. Remer,	King.
		John Lindley,	Scribe.

On motion of Companion W. W. Lee, the report of the committee on credentials was accepted, so far as completed, and left open for further additions and corrections.

Companion John H. Barlow offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That an invitation be, and is hereby, extended to all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, to visit the Grand Chapter during the sitting of the present Annual Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered the following annual address :

Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS :—" Agreeable to an ancient masonic custom," we are again assembled in our official capacity as Royal Arch Masons ; again assembled around our common altar to counsel with each other for the good of this branch of our beloved order.

In thus assembling, we are forcibly reminded that the swift finger of time has marked the passage of another year. Thus the sands of life run, thus we reach these mile-stones in our journey to the presence of our Grand High Priest above—pausing to offer oblations of gratitude for the manifold favors which have contributed, in so great a measure, to render our experience of the past a pleasure rather than a burden.

With hand joined to hand, and heart linked to heart, have we bowed ourselves in the presence of Him who sitteth between the Cherubims ; returned our grateful thanks for the life that has been spared us, for the health we have enjoyed, and for the many comforts with which we have been surrounded since last we met and exchanged our fraternal greetings.

With a full knowledge of our own weakness have we sought assistance, counsel and guidance in the business upon which we are about to enter.

I am happy indeed to welcome so many, who, having performed their pilgrimage to this sacred temple, are prepared, I trust, to faithfully perform the duties which may be imposed upon them, adhering with fidelity to the landmarks of our fathers ; and while we mingle together in this fraternal manner, may the same spirit of brotherly love animate each heart, and prevail in all our counsels. If any action be required at our hands, let it be attended with due deliberation and prudence ; if we review the past, let it be done with candor ; if we draw designs upon the trestle-board for our future guidance, let them be such as will bear the closest scrutiny and the test of the "Overseer's square."

Hoping that this happy gathering may prove a blessing to one and all, and that something may be accomplished for the honor and prosperity of the craft, I extend to you a cordial and fraternal greeting.

Without further delay, I will lay before you a brief synopsis of the principal events of the year, some of which may be of interest to you, though there may be but little which shall require action at your hands.

I commence with the General Grand Chapter, the twenty-first Triennial Convocation, which was held in the City of Baltimore in September last.

When I say to you that thirty Grand Chapters were there represented, I can offer you no higher or more conclusive evidence to substantiate the fact that that body—which has so long been subjected to ridicule and abuse from those who may have misjudged it in its intents and purposes—stands to-day upon the highest pinnacle of fame ; to-day it is recognized as a power, and its influence is being felt throughout the civilized world.

In years past, this Grand Chapter has expressed some doubt as to the utility or usefulness of this great and central head of Royal Arch Masonry.

If there be any timid ones, with hearts filled with forebodings of evil, fearful that their rights and privileges are in danger of being destroyed, let me encourage them to look up with confidence ; let me assure them—as I may with safety—that the Companions who from time to time compose the General Grand Chapter are men of intelligence, discretion, and ability, strenuous in their endeavors to dispense justice to all, and anxious to see the fair fame of our institution preserved in all its purity.

Among them are those whose names have become as "house-hold words," and who, though never having seen them face to face, we have learned to love. Let me therefore counsel you to burnish up your faith and cast aside all distrust.

At this Convocation two amendments to the Constitution—both of which this Grand Chapter, by resolution, condemned as unwise—were taken up, and, after an intelligent and candid discussion, the first amendment, which proposed to strike out the Past Masters degree from the system of Capitular Masonry, was *rejected* by a vote of 101 to 14. The second amendment, the design of which was to make all Past Grand High Priests members of the General Grand Chapter, was *adopted* by a veto of 109 to 7.

The propriety of the use of substitutes was discussed at length, and a committee of five—to whom the matter was referred—reported the following resolutions, which were *adopted* by a vote of 91 to 30.

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter decide that the use of substitutes is not in violation of the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, or the Installation charges delivered to a High Priest, and that substitutes may be authorized by Grand Chapters working under this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That while such is the interpretation of the Ritual and Installation charges by this Grand Body, Chapters are fraternally and earnestly urged to use full classes of actual candidates, except in cases of emergency, for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

The committee on finance reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the State Grand Chapters throughout the jurisdiction be requested to cause to be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of this General Grand Chapter the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinates at the date of their annual reports ; the fund so created to be used to defray the expenses of the General Grand Chapter ; and the General Grand Secretary be, and hereby is, instructed to pay to the General Grand Treasurer the amount so collected, and make report at each Triennial Convocation.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter furnish a copy of its Proceedings to the Congressional Library at Washington, and supply as full a set of past Proceedings as possible.

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter request all State Grand Chapters to supply the Congressional Library with their Proceedings, and send as full a set of past Proceedings as possible.

Still another matter which, may be of more interest, was brought before the General Grand Chapter, upon which a decision was rendered which conflicts with a custom which has heretofore prevailed in this jurisdiction. Of this matter, which relates to the G. O., or R. A. W., I made a verbal report at the Semi-annual Convocation in November last, at

which time it was referred to a special committee, who, after due deliberation, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Chapters within this jurisdiction be, and they are hereby, required to conform with the resolution on the subject of ritual, adopted by the M. E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and that the work be promulgated by the first four officers of this Grand Chapter accordingly.

On the 19th of January last I received a petition, signed by forty-one Royal Arch Masons, residing in the borough of Ansonia, mostly members of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, asking for a dispensation to open a new Chapter at that place, to be known as Union Chapter.

Accompanying the petition was a recommendation from Solomon Chapter, and also a letter of recommendation from P. G. H. P., John H. Barlow. Believing it to be for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry, I granted the request of the petitioners, issuing a dispensation bearing the above date, at the same authorizing Companion Barlow to open the Chapter and give them such instructions as might be necessary, which duty he performed on the 30th of the same month. The petition will be returned at this Convocation, and it is for you to do with them and their request for a charter as may seem for the best.

I have also granted dispensations for various purposes, as follows : to Union Chapter, No. 7, to elect officers ; to Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, to shorten the time specified for the renewal of a petition ; to Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same Convocation ; to Washington Chapter, No. 6, for a new election of officers, and to Palmer Chapter, No. 28, allowing them to postpone their annual Convocation.

My visitations during the year have been but few. It has, however, afforded me much satisfaction to visit the following Chapters : Franklin, No. 2 ; Rittenhouse, No. 11 ; Eureka, No. 22 ; Freestone, No. 34 ; Burning Bush, No. 29, and Hiram, No. 1. Generally the work has been well done—performed with dignity and decorum—and well calculated to impress upon the minds of all, the beautiful lessons inculcated in our solemn ceremonies. I can commend them all for their endeavors to maintain the purity and efficiency of our Ritual, and for the due solemnity maintained in the practice of our ancient rites.

While our Chapters are governed by men of intelligence, ability, discretion and zeal—such as are seen here to-day—we shall maintain a position of honor, and our name shall go abroad, diffusing light.

I have, during the year, issued commissions to the following named Companions, and appointed them as representatives to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, near other Grand Chapters, as follows :

R. E. John N. Lewis, of Newburg, N. Y., as our representative near the Grand Chapter of New York.

William S. Combs, of St. Paul, Minn., as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

M. E. Owen A. Bassett, of Lawrence, Kan., as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

My predecessors have often spoken to you of the importance of compiling and publishing the earlier records of this Grand Chapter. I think a committee has been appointed for this purpose, and for collecting such materials as might be available for a historical sketch of Royal Arch Masonry in this State. How far this committee have progressed in this work, I know not. This much is certain: the work cannot be accomplished with the present state of the treasury. I would therefore recommend that the fees from the subordinate Chapters be temporarily increased until a sufficient amount shall have been raised to accomplish this important work.

I need not enlarge upon the importance of this matter; I only urge you to provide the means that the work may be carried forward without further delay, for, as time advances, the difficulties will increase. Our older Companions are passing away, and much valuable information, which may be obtained from them, will be forever lost. Let us procrastinate no longer.

And now, as we enter upon the labors of to-day, let us so shape our course that the results of those labors shall redound to our honor and glory; let brotherly love, harmony and peace prevail, so that when we attain to the end, we may have the satisfaction of having fully performed all that has been required of us, and receive the plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

CHARLES W. STEARNS, G. H. P.

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest then submitted the following annual report:

To CHARLES W. STEARNS, GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF CONNECTICUT:

I submit to you the following as my report for the year ending this date.

I have made but one official visit during the year. I received five different invitations during the last week in December, but was unable to respond, owing to previous masonic engagements in connection with the Lodges. I have once visited Giddings Chapter, No. 25, of New Britain, and saw their work in the Mark Masters and Past Masters' degrees, which was well done. Very few verbal errors were noticed, and much instruction was entirely unnecessary. The subordinates, with few exceptions, so far as my acquaintance extends, are competent to perform any part of the work, "be it ever so difficult." I hope but few more years will pass before it can be truly said of them all.

Yours fraternally,

WM. WALLACE LEE, D. G. H. P.

WEST MERIDEN, May 7th, 1872.

On motion of Companion J. N. Lewis, Grand Scribe, the address of the Grand High Priest and report of the Deputy Grand High Priest were referred to a committee of three, for apportionment and recommendations, consisting of Companions L. A. Lockwood, Dwight Waugh, and Charles W. Skiff.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees :

On Grievances : Companions R. C. Naramore, O. P. Jacobs, A. C. Golding.

On Delinquencies : Companions Thomas Vincent, LeRoy Brainard, W. W. Storey.

On Charters : Companions John H. Barlow, S. T. Bartlett, I. W. Carpenter.

Auditing Committee : Companions L. E. Maynard, W. I. Sanford, Gideon Robinson.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion L. A. Lockwood presented his credentials as Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of New York, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which were received, and the Companion duly accredited as such Representative, received with the Grand Honors, and invited to a seat in the Grand East, after which he alluded to the pleasant relations which have heretofore existed between the two grand bodies, with the hope that the same would ever continue.

Companion W. W. Lee, Deputy Grand High Priest, was then introduced and received with the Grand Honors, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, duly accredited as such Representative, and invited to a seat in the Grand East, to which he responded in some very appropriate remarks respecting the relations which now exist between the two Grand Chapters.

Companion J. E. Bidwell, of Middletown, submitted his credentials through the Grand Secretary, as Grand Represen-

tative of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which were accepted, and he was duly accredited as such.

Companion L. A. Lockwood submitted his report on Foreign Correspondence, reading some portions of the same, which, on motion, was accepted and approved, and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

Companion John N. Lewis submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be requested henceforth, to furnish the Grand Secretary with his report in sufficient time, to admit of the same being printed before the Annual Convocation, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the same printed and distributed among the members upon the opening of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Geo. Lee, Grand Treasurer, submitted his report as Grand Treasurer, which was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Companion L. A. Lockwood, from the Committee on Address of Grand High Priest, submitted the following report, which, on motion of Companion J. N. Lewis, was accepted, and adopted :

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and reports of the other Grand Officers, respectfully report and they recommend :

That so much of the address of M. E. Grand High Priest as relates to the resolution of the M. E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, requesting an assessment of one cent per capita on roll of Grand Royal Arch Chapter, be referred to a special committee, to be raised ; and also that so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as recommends the temporary increase of fees from subordinate Chapters, for the purpose of collecting and publishing the early records of this Grand Chapter, be referred to the same committee as above.

That so much thereof as relates to Union Chapter, U. D., at Ansonia, be referred to the Committee on Charters.

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be, and they are hereby, tendered to M. E. Companion C. W. Stearns for the zealous discharge of his duties as Grand High Priest during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

L. A. LOCKWOOD,
DWIGHT WAUGH, } *Committee.*
CHAS. W. SKIFF,

The Grand High Priest appointed Companions Edmund Tweedy, Dwight Phelps, and George Lee, as the aforesaid committee, recommended in the report of Committee on Grand High Priest's Address.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

The undersigned Auditing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, and find the same correct.

The receipts, according to the books of the Grand Treasurer	
have been,	\$ 752.50
Balance in the Treasury, May 9, 1871,	403.23
Received from Interest Account,	28.12
	<u>\$1,183.85</u>
The Expenditures have been,	
	<u>\$806.98</u>
Balance in the Treasury, May 7, 1872,	376.87

Respectfully submitted.

L. E. MAYNARD,
GIDEON ROBINSON, } *Committee.*
W. I. SANFORD,

On motion of Companion J. N. Lewis, it was voted to make the election of officers the special order of business at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock P. M. Officers in their respective stations as at the morning session.

The following resolution, offered by Companion John N. Lewis, was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of three, to be raised, to devise some plan for meeting more fully the deficiency which exists in our system of visitation and inspection—said committee to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The following committee was appointed, consisting of Companions John N. Lewis, J. K. Wheeler, and W. B. Cargill.

Companion E. Tweedy, from the special committee on recommendations of the M. E. Grand High Priest, submitted the following report, and accompanying resolutions, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the General Grand Chapter, respecting assessment upon the several Grand Chapters, and the recommendations of the M. E. Grand High Priest, to increase the of feesthe subordinate Chapters, in order to provide the necessary fund for printing the earlier records of the Grand Chapter, respectfully report that they have considered the matters referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND TWEEDY,
DWIGHT PHELPS, } Committee.
JEO. LEE.

Resolved, That the request of the General Grand Chapter be granted, and that the General Secretary be directed to pay to the General Grand Secretary, annually, as soon after the Convocation of the Grand Chapter as is practicable, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction at the date of their annual reports.

Resolved, That an additional fee of two dollars for each exaltation be required from the subordinate Chapters, until a sufficient sum is accumulated to defray the expenses of printing 1,000 copies of the early records of this Grand Chapter, which are not already in print; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to cause said records to be printed as soon as the requisite amount is obtained.

Companion Thomas Vincent, from the Committee on Delinquencies, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted, except so much as relates to Darius Chapter, No. 16, which was not adopted, and the Grand Secretary was ordered to collect the same.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

The undersigned Committee on Delinquencies respectfully report :

That they have examined the records of the Grand Secretary and find that every Chapter is represented at this Convocation.

In the matter of Warren Chapter, No. 12 ; Benevolence, No. 21 ; Ousotonic, No. 33 ; which were not represented at the Semi-Annual Convocation in November last, your Committee would recommend that they be excused from paying the usual fine.

In the case of Darius Chapter, No. 16, your Committee would report that the Chapter pleads guilty and desires to throw itself upon the mercy of the Grand Chapter.

In the case of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, we recommend that the usual fee be collected.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS VINCENT, }
LE ROY BRAINARD, } *Committee.*
W. W. STOREY, }

Companion R. C. Naramore, from the Standing Committee on Grievances, submitted the following pleasing report, which was adopted :

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

The undersigned, Committee on Grievances would report, that they are pleased to find that the harmony which has prevailed among the workmen for so many years, remains unbroken, no case of grievance having come before us. Your Committee congratulate the Grand Chapter on the entire harmony prevalent in this jurisdiction.

This is as it should be ; for among Masons " no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who can best work or best agree."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. C. NARAMORE, }
O. P. JACOBS, } *Committee.*
A. C. GOLDING, }

Companion E. Tweedy offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter appropriate to the chairman of Correspondence the same sum as last year.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Companions Dwight Phelps and LeRoy Brainard were appointed tellers, when ballots were cast and the following officers declared duly elected. R. E. John N. Lewis, Grand Scribe, declined a re-election.

M. E.	Wm. W. LEE,	West Meriden,	G. H. P.
R. E.	EDMUND TWEEDY,	Danbury,	D. G. H. P.
"	H. W. COYE,	Rockville,	G. K.
"	A. R. BLAKESLEE,	Birmingham,	G. S.
Comp.	GEORGE LEE,	Hartford,	G. Treasurer.
"	JOS. K. WHEELER,	Hartford,	G. Secretary.
"	CYRUS GOODELL,	Hartford,	G. Chaplain.
"	DWIGHT WAUGH,	Stamford,	G. C. of H.
"	DWIGHT PHELPS,	West Winsted,	G. P. S.
"	JOHN H. BINGHAM,	Hartford,	G. R. A. C.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Comp.	LE ROY BRAINARD,	Portland,	G. M. of 3d V.
"	LLOYD M. COBB,	Norwich,	G. M. of 2d V.
"	WM. FREESTON,	New Britain,	G. M. of 1st V.
"	H. M. BARBER,	Collinsville,	G. S. Steward.
"	JAMES E. COER,	Waterbury,	G. J. Steward.
"	CHAS. E. HOOGHKIRK,	New Haven,	Grand Tyler.

Companion JOHN N. LEWIS, New York City, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp.	W. B. CARGILL,	Waterbury,	} Committee on By-Laws.
"	CHAS. W. SKIFF,	New Haven,	
"	R. C. NARAMORE,	Derby,	

On motion of Companion L. A. Lockwood, the following committee, consisting of Companions J. K. Wheeler and W. W. Storey, were appointed to nominate a Board of Trustees, who reported the following, when ballots were spread, and they were declared duly elected :

N. G. HINCKLEY, Hartford.
JULIUS TYLER, New Haven.
EDMUND TWEEDY, Danbury.

Companion J. K. Wheeler, from the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Your Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters, beg leave to submit the following report :

That they have received the by-laws of but one Chapter—Eureka, No. 22, at Waterbury—which have been so revised as to conform to the regulations of this Grand Chapter, and the same have been approved by the committee. Aside from this, the committee have had no duties to perform, except to approve an addition to the By-laws of two or three Chapters, which provided for dues.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. K. WHEELER,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Companion Edmund Tweedy, the sum of twenty-five dollars was voted to Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Chaplain.

Companion J. H. Barlow, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following report and recommendations, which as accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

TO THE M. GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

The Committee on Charters would respectfully report that they have before them the dispensation of Union Chapter, U. D., and the application for a charter.

The petition of sundry Companions for a Chapter to be located in the town of Plainfield, and to be known as Moosup Chapter, and also the petition of sundry Companions for a Chapter to be located in the village of Thomaston, town of Plymouth, to be known as Granite Chapter.

And would recommend as follows:

That the dispensation of Union Chapter, now returned, be accepted, and that a charter be granted for a Chapter to be located in the borough of Ansonia, town of Derby, and to be known as Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 35,

The committee would further recommend that concurrent jurisdiction be established over the whole territory, between said Mount Vernon Chapter and Solomon Chapter, No. 3, located in said town of Derby.

In the matter of petition of sundry Companions in the village of Thomaston, would recommend that a charter be granted for a Chapter to be located in said village of Thomaston, to be known as Granite Chapter, No. 36.

In the matter of the petition of sundry Companions in the town of Plainfield for a Chapter, to be known as Moosup Chapter, would report that, in the opinion of the committee, it is inexpedient at this time to grant a charter for said Chapter, but would recommend that the petition be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest for a dispensation, should he at any time during the year deem it for the best interest of Capitular Masonry in that locality.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BARLOW, I. W. CARPENTER, STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	} Committee.
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The following resolution was submitted by the Grand Secretary, in place of the recommendations of the committee in reference to the petition for a Chapter at Moosup, and adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners for a Chapter, to be located at Moosup, town of Plainfield, to be designated as Moosup Chapter, No. 37.

Companion Edmund Tweedy, from the Board of Trustees reported that they had not been called upon to perform any official duties, as the fund, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to but little more than was allowed to remain by the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and they had not deemed it expedient to disturb it.

The newly elected officers were then duly installed by Past Grand High Priest L. A. Lockwood, Companion Past Grand High Priest Charles W. Stearns acting as Grand Marshall.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the next Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, be held at such time and place as the M. E. Grand High Priest may direct, for the exemplification of the work and lectures of the several degrees.

On motion, it was voted that the usual fee to the Grand Tyler be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST,

J. D. Wheeler
G. Sec

Grand Secretary's Report.

Of Moneys received to May 7th, A.D. 1872. Dues from Subordinate Chapters.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	No of Chapter.	Location.	Exal-tations.	Amount Received.
Hiram, - - - - -	1	Newtown,	5	\$10.00
Franklin, - - - - -	2	New Haven,	28	56.00
Solomon, - - - - -	3	Derby,	6	12.00
Franklin, - - - - -	4	Norwich,	12	24.00
Washington, - - - - -	6	Middletown,	3	6.00
Union, - - - - -	7	New London,	6	12.00
Trinity, - - - - -	9	Willimantic,	9	18.00
Rittenhouse, - - - - -	11	Stamford,	5	10.00
Warren, - - - - -	12	Killingly,	6	12.00
Jerusalem, - - - - -	13	Bridgeport,	10	20.00
Meridian, - - - - -	15	West Winsted,	11	22.00
Darits, - - - - -	16	Litchfield,	3	6.00
Pythagoras, - - - - -	17	Hartford,	27	54.00
Adairam, - - - - -	18	Rockville,	3	6.00
Jerusalem, - - - - -	19	Ridgefield,	1	2.00
Lafayette, - - - - -	20	Granby,	2	4.00
Benevolence, - - - - -	21	Mystic River,	1	2.00
Eureka, - - - - -	22	Waterbury,	15	30.00
Eureka, - - - - -	23	Danbury,	6	12.00
Washington, - - - - -	24	Norwalk,	10	20.00
Giddings, - - - - -	25	New Britain,	6	12.00
Pulaski, - - - - -	26	Fair Haven,	3	6.00
Keystone, - - - - -	27	West Meriden,	15	30.00
Palmer, - - - - -	28	Pawcatuck,	7	14.00
Burning Bush, - - - - -	29	Essex,	6	12.00
Washington, - - - - -	30	Suffield,	3	6.00
Columbia, - - - - -	31	Collinsville,	8	16.00
Pequabuck, - - - - -	32	Bristol,	7	14.00
Ousatonic, - - - - -	33	New Milford,	2	4.00
Freestone, - - - - -	34	Portland,	6	12.00
Union, U. D., - - - - -		Ansonia,	3	6.00
Three copies of proceedings sold, - - - - -				1.50
Five special dispensation, - - - - -				25.00
Fine Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Nov. 1870, - - - - -				8.00
Fine " " " May, 1871, - - - - -				8.00
Dues " " " to May, 1871, - - - - -				18.00
Fine Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, May, 1871, - - - - -				8.00
Fine Pequabuck Chapter, No. 32, - - - - -				8.00
Fine Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, - - - - -				8.00
Fine, Lafayette Chapter, No. 20, - - - - -				16.00
Total, - - -			235	\$570.50

The above is all the money received by me as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, from May 9th, 1871, to May 7th, 1872.

JOS. K. WHEELER,

Grand Sec'y.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

HIRAM, No. 1, Newtown.

Time of Regular Convocations, fourth Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Wm. I. Sanford, H. P.
Jas. M. Blackman, K.
Philo Nichols, S.
H. L. Wheeler, Treas.
S. B. Wheeler, Sec'y.
H. L. Wheeler, C. of H.

John S. Lane, P. S.
Abel F. Clark, R. A. C.
S. B. Wheeler, 3rd V.
George Woffenden, 2d V.
Conrad Derlan, 1st V.
Conrad Derlan, Tyler.

EXALTED.

S. B. Wheeler,
Conrad Derlan,

Samuel Barnum,
R. S. Blackman,
Giles N. Cree.

FRANKLIN, No. 2, New Haven.

Time of Regular Convocations, the first and third Tuesday of each month, July and August excepted.

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Skiff, H. P.
Horatio G. Bronson, K.
Augustus A. Ball, S.
Julius Tyler, Treas.
Edwin W. Ensign, Sec'y.
Charles T. Linsley, C. of H.

John G. Foster, P. S.
James B. Tooker, R. A. C.
Robert Morgan, 3rd V.
Alfred J. Bethell, 2d V.
Joseph Riley, 1st V.
Charles E. Hooghkirk, Tyler.

EXALTED.

John H. Hayden,
Joseph W. Jewett,
Reuben H. Brown,
L. L. Stoddard,
Wm. H. Palmer,
Henry Reynolds,
Edward A. Durand,
David R. Brown,
Joseph S. Scofield,
C. M. Smith,
Sherwood S. Thompson,
John G. Foster,
William T. Porter,
A. J. Bethell,

Henry W. Dawson,
William Stafford,
Lenardo G. Costales,
Lyman D. Minor,
Dan Alfred Davison,
Edmund B. Cowles,
George Brommer,
Edward Butrick,
Lyman Bradley,
Frederick Lundberg
Philo S. Crofut,
Henry Branch,
F. H. Brown,
John R. Hutchinson.

Solomon, No. 3, Birmingham.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Friday of every month, except July and August.

OFFICERS.

A. F. Sherwood, H. P.
Henry Bradley, K.
R. C. Naramore, S.
Wm. M. Hull, Treas.
Arthur R. Blakeslee, Sec'y.
Henry N. Beardsley, C. of H.

R. H. Tucker, P. S.
P. B. Mackey, R. A. C.
E. M. Platt, 3rd V.
Wm. W. Steele, 2d V.
C. F. Sterling, 1st V.
John D. Whymbs, Tyler.

EXALTED.

J. W. Crowther,
E. H. Payne,
John E. Remer,

Henry J. Bristol,
John H. Hall,
Edward M. Platt.

WITHDRAWN.

Charles Rood.

DIED.

Uriel Gates,

Thomas Healy.

FRANKLIN, No. 4, Norwich.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Increase W. Carpenter, H. P.

James Kirker, P. S.

Lloyd M. Cobb, K.

Daniel M. Lester, R. A. C.

Chester W. Converse, S.

Curry Gilmore, 3rd V.

Austin Brewster, Treas.

Edson S. Bishop, 2d V.

John Benson, Sec'y.

John Irish, 1st V.

Elias M. Brewster, C. of H.

Luther Pellett, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Adolph R. Frank,

John P. Miller,

Samuel Baum.

Edgar D. Johnson,

Isaac Plaut,

Binajah M. Gay,

Bishop S. Church,

Frederick Fanning,

David Gilmore, Jr.

John Irish,

Currie Gilmore,

Robert Stevens.

ADMITTED.

Abram Plaut,

Abram Geer.

James H. Hoyt.

DIED.

Wm. H. Tingley,

Luman W. Hanson,

Harrison R. Aldrich,

Mathias W. Baker,

John W. Houghton,

John M. Rockwell.

WASHINGTON, No. 6, Middletown.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

L. E. Maynard, H. P.
John V. Adams, K.
Stephen H. Bellows, S.
Elijah Ackley, Treas.
Gilbert R. Burdick, Sec'y.
Daniel S. Johnson, C. of H.

Flavel N. Bliss, P. S.
Charles W. Harris, R. A. C.
Henry Woodward, 3rd V.
Mallory Palmer, 2d V.
D. N. Davis, 1st V.
John Traverse, Tyler.

EXALTED.

John A. Johnson.

E. C. Phelps.

C. E. Atkins.

ADMITTED.

James S. Smith.

UNION, No. 7, New London.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Fenwick, H. P.
David Sprague, K.
Bernard L. Lynch, S.
Alexander Merrill, Treas.
W. H. Morris, Jr., Sec'y.
Philo B. Hovey, C. of H.

Charles Corning, P. S.
Oscar Reeves, R. A. C.
F. P. Kenyon, 3rd V.
George Strong, Jr., 2d V.
Owen C. Williams, 1st V.
N. R. Chappell, Tyler.

EXALTED.

J. R. Hammond.
J. R. Gay.
John Caroly,

C. P. Sturtevant.
Owen C. Williams.
Anthony Jerome.

WITHDRAWN.

S. E. W. Johnson.

DIED.

Simeon Smith.
John B. Miner.

William Babcock.
John M. Chapman.

EXPELLED.

John Douglass.

TRINITY, No. 9, Willimantic.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Thursdays of each month except July and August. Annual Convocation for choice of officers, fourth Thursday in April.

OFFICERS.

Charles H. Bigelow, H. P.
Charles S. Billings, K.
Japhthah Harris, S.
John G. Keigwin, Treas.
Chester Tilden, Jr., Sec'y.
Orlando D. Brown, C. of H.

Van N. Austin, P. S.
Ebenezer Baker, R. A. C.
Abel R. Burnham, 3rd V.
Hiram E. Conant, 2d V.
Alonzo S. Barber, 1st V.
William Thompson, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Abel R. Burnham.
Martin A. Brown.
Charles E. Congdon.
William A. Simonds.

Ellery D. Burnham.
Bradley M. Sears.
Earl S. Cranston.
Alonzo S. Barber.
Joseph Cadden.

RITTENHOUSE, No. 11, Stamford.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

Luke A. Lockwood, H. P.
George L. Lownds, K.
Wm. H. Adair, S.
Theodore Leeds, Treas.
Jas. O. Lownds, Sec'y.
Ambrose Richards, C. of H.

Andrew Clark, P. S.
Roswell Hoyt, R. A. C.
Jas. S. Crawford, 3rd V.
Hiram A. Tyler, 2d V.
Wm. H. Dayton, 1st V.
Francis E. Morris, Tyler.

EXALTED.

W. B. Stetson.
Jas. J. Horan.

George D. Hoyt.
C. E. Smith.

J. H. Swartwout.

DIED.

Henry K. Skelding.

WARREN, No. 12, Killingly.

Time of Regular Convocations, April, June, August, October, December, February.

OFFICERS.

Erastus H. Wells, H. H.
Findley M. Fox, K.
Orrin J. Lewis, S.
G. Warren Webster, Treas.
Mowry Amsbury, Sec'y.
Ralph J. Sabin, C. of H.

E. M. Millett, P. S.
Esquire B. Miller, R. A. C.
C. T. Willey, 3rd V.
Wm. H. Tourtlott, 2d V.
Wm. I. Miller, 1st V.
Samuel P. Tucker, Tyler.

EXALTED.

S. P. Fenn,
Henry A. Wheaton,
Emmery S. Rathbone,

Wm. H. Oatley,
J. H. Bullard,
James Seaton.

WITHDRAWN.

Byron J. Chamblin.

DIED.

Gurdon Robinson,

Benjamin E. Palmer,

Welden Clark.

EXPELLED.

Henry L. Chapman.

JERUSALEM, No. 13, Bridgeport.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Friday evenings in each month.

OFFICERS.

S. T. Bartlett, H. P.

Z. Goodell, P. S.

Wm. J. Dorrance, K.

Hugh Stirling, R. A. C.

W. E. Norton, S.

Wm. H. Richards, 3rd V.

J. C. Blackman, Treas.

I. J. Stevens, 2d V.

Edwin I. Pyle, Sec'y.

Geo. Lawrence, 1st V.

D. M. Roland, C. of H.

Ernest Kehr, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Robert C. Livingston,

Edwin I. Pyle,

Henry C. Baldwin,

Gilead Peet,

Wm. A. Disbrow,

Charles P. Gilbert,

Elisha C. Sherwood,

Wm. Raymond,

Wm. H. Richards,

Chas. D. Burroughs.

WITHDRAWN.

C. G. Pendleton,

Gilead Peet.

DIED.

Geo. B. Ambler.

C. T. Bachelder,

John W. Munson,

Charles Daniels.

Meridian, No. 15, West Winsted.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Tuesday Evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

Salmon A. Granger, H. P.
L. R. King, K.
W. B. Phelps, S.
Roswell Olmsted, Treas.
F. M. Cooke, Sec'y.
C. L. Norton, C. of H.

Eugene Meafoy, P. S.
Edwin S. Beecher, R. A. C.
Wilbur F. Coe, 3rd V.
David G. White, 2d V.
Henry Vosburg, 1st V.
Jesse Williams, Tyler.

EXALTED.

A. A. Osborne,
L. A. Bailey,
E. S. Roberts,
L. G. Schrack,
J. H. Markham,

T. W. Parsons,
H. Wrinkler,
H. E. Vosburg,
F. H. Rossman,
C. O. Holcomb,
E. T. Hopkins.

DARIUS, No. 16, Litchfield.

Time of Regular Convocations, every Thursday evening, from October 1st to April 1st, and on the first Thursday evening in each remaining month of the year.

OFFICERS.

William Deming, H. P.
E. G. Roberts, K.
L. W. Wessells, S.
D. E. Bostwick, Treas.
Wm. H. Braman, Sec'y.
A. B. Shumway, C. of H.

Edson Staples, P. S.
James Campbell, R. A. C.
Eli D. Weeks, 3rd V.
S. W. Ensign, 2d V.
Robert Stevens, 1st V.
D. C. Bulkley, Tyler.

EXALTED.

J. D. Clemons,

L. P. Dean,

Lewis A. Camp.

DIED.

Samuel G. Braman,

David E. Bostwick.

PYTHAGORAS, No. 17, Hartford.

Time of Regular Convocations, every Friday evening.

OFFICERS.

John H. Bingham, H. P.
Chauncey R. Johnson, K.
Henry Leitch, S.
Nelson G. Hinckley, Treas.
Henry E. Spencer, Sec'y.
William Knox, C. of H.

George Lee, P. S.
Edgar A. Pike, R. A. C.
William B. Flagg, 3d V.
James Banks, 2d V.
Albert A. Fox, 1st V.
Henry E. Patten, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Henry F. Crane,
Wm. T. Burnham,
Thos. H. Harding,
Samuel C. Cooper,
Elisha L. Cobb,
Cortez Clark,
A. D. Worthington,
Chas. E. Dustin,
Edgar F. Burnham,
Benjamin Street,
Chas B. Canfield,
Alfred Milton,
Chas. O'Neil, Jr.,

Monroe S. Loomis,
Wilbur C. Lambert,
Stevens Rogers,
Franklin F. Knous,
Edgar W. Fuller,
Edward Russell,
Wm. W. Rogers,
John S. Crooks,
George B. Place,
Chas. E. Church,
David J. Jordan,
J. N. B. Stevens,
George H. Cutting,

Myer Noot.

WITHDRAWN.

John H. Weeks.

DIED.

Charles A. Powers,
B. C. English,
Henry A. Goodwin,

Henry P. Seymour,
E. B. Kellogg,
Charles Hosmer,
Nathan M. Waterman.

ADONIRAM, No. 18, Rockville.

Time of Regular Covocations, first and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Harry W. Coye, H. P.
Geo A. Pierce, K.
C. P. Cogshall, S.
E. S. Henry, Treas.
A. D. West, Sec'y.
C. E. Harris, C. of H.

E. C. Colby, P. S.
Wm. R. Mills, R. A. C.
Philander Alden, 3d V.
John Westfall, 2d V.
A. B. Hall, 1st V.
Joseph Hirst, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Lewis Putney,

Jacob Glover,
Minor C. Kinney.

DIED.

Julius Rich.

JERUSALEM, No. 19, Ridgefield.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Hiram K. Scott, H. P.
Hezekiah Scott, K.
Wm. W. Seymour, S.
Sam'l. J. Barlow, Treas.
David H. Miller, Sec'y.
Wm. S. Todd, C. of H.

Geo. L. Thompson, P. S.
R. A. C.
Chas. A. Jennings, 3rd V.
Jacob L. Dauchy, 2d V.
Charles O. Olmstead, 1st V.
Jason Whittock, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Rev. Edward L. Bray.

DIED.

Chas. H. Canfield.

William Beers.

LAFAYETTE, No. 20, Granby.

Time of Regular Convocations, Friday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

E. Holcomb, H. P.	T. M. Maltbie, P. S.
J. W. Sandford, K.	F. R. Gillett, R. A. C.
Willis Dewey, S.	J. H. Holcomb, 3rd V.
Levi Rice, Treas.	J. N. Loomis, 2d V.
J. W. Gillin, Sec'y.	G. Beebe, 1st V.
E. C. Humphrey, C. of H.	

EXALTED.

H. M. Sherman.

J. E. C. Humphrey.

WITHDRAWN.

E. B. Goodwin.	A. Tyler.
A. S. Dickinson.	W. C. Mills.

BENEVOLENCE, No. 21, Mystic River.

Time of Regular Convocations, the first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

John H. Allyn, H. P.	Milton H. Ricker, P. S.
William Cann, K.	John Cameron, R. A. C.
Alex. Irving, S.	Wm. A. Ashbey, 3rd V.
Thomas W. Noyes, Treas.	Henry S. Gilberts, 2d V.
Wm. H. Stark, Sec'y.	James McGregor, 1st V.
Thomas H. Newbury, C. of H.	George S. Burrows, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Charles D. Burrows.

WITHDRAWN.

Charles S. Landers.

EUREKA, No. 22, Waterbury.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Wednesday evening
of each month.

OFFICERS.

Janus E. Coer, H. P.
Henry U. Church, K.
Charles I. Curtiss, S.
F. L. Curtiss, Treas.
Lyman White, Sec'y.
John S. Castle, C. of H.

Robert E. Barbour, P. S.
Andrew W. Goldsmith, R. A. C.
Elmer S. Terrill, 3rd V.
Joseph Hoffman, 2d V.
George T. Terrill, 1st V.
Sturgeess M. Judd, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Minor S. Baldwin.
Robert Renz.
Andrew Renz.
Newton Leonard.
Harry S. Hotchkiss.
Alphonzo H. Brothers.
Joseph Hoffman.

George A. Waterbury.
S. E. Bartlett.
Thomas Hartlee.
A. C. Northrup.
Benj. Benham.
H. Whitney.
Lemuel C. Graves.

John Schwartz.

ADMITTED.

Edwin W. Smith.

DIED.

Gideon O. Hotchkiss.

Preserved G. Porter.

EUREKA, No. 23, Danbury.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Treadwell, H. P.
James H. Welsh, K.
Zarah Hoyt, S.
Edward S. Davis, Treas.
George M. Raymond, Sec'y.
James B. Wildman, C. of H.

Frank R. Nash, P. S.
Samuel C. Smith, R. A. C.
William Brown, 3rd V.
Edwin B. Harris, 2d V.
Frederick S. Blackburn, 1st V.
Milo Dickens, Tyler.

EXALTED.

John Chambers.
Frank W. Barnum.
Frederick S. Blackburn.

Albert Anderson, Jr.
Samuel C. Smith.
B. F. Brooks.

WITHDRAWN.

Daniel B. Manley.

DIED.

Matthew K. Gilbert.

WASHINGTON, No. 24, Norwalk.

Time of Regular Convocations, first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Robert M. Wilcox, H. P.
James W. Storey, K.
Henry D. Fox, S.
John E. Smith, Treas.
Jacob Turk, Sec'y.
William Gilbertson, C. of H.

George W. Knight, P. S.
Francis A. Volk, R. A. C.
S. B. Lockwood, 3rd V.
William A. Sammis, 2d V.
Charles Wheeler, 1st V.
Wm. Goodwin, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Charles Wheeler.
Sylvester B. Lockwood.
Edward Street.
Charles H. White.
John W. Barlow.

John Morrison.
Charles J. Hughes.
William Gilbertson.
William A. Sammis.
Francis A. Volk.

Peter Decker.

WITHDRAWN.

Henry M. Cooley.

DIED.

Henry N. Gage.
Lewis H. Hoyt.

Henry Selleck.
Joseph Bauer.

GIDDINGS, No. 25, New Britain.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

William Freeston, H. P.
Gideon Robinson, K.
Alonzo Aston, S.
W. L. Morgan, Treas.
E. L. Goodwin, Sec'y.
Joseph E. Davis, C, of H.

William Burritt, P. S.
Job Dyson, R. A. C.
Charles McNary, 3rd V.
Lemuel Dyson, 2d V.
S. W. Clark, 1st V.
George H. Booth, Tyler.

EXALTED

Joseph F. Smith.
Arthur G. Vensel.
Charles H. Wright.

John E. Hobson.
Cromwell O. Case.
James Whitely.

DIED.

Mortimer S. Porter.

Oliver C. Stanley.

PULASKI, No. 26, Fair Haven.

Time of Regular Convocations, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James R. Hunt, H. P.
Edward N. Holaday, K.
A. H. Cargill, S.
R. C. Smith, Treas.
R. C. Smith, Sec'y.
Chas H. Fowler, C. of H.

A. H. Hurlburt, P. S.
J. O. Rowland, R. A. C.
S. Bauer, 3rd V.
J. R. Bradley, 2d V.
A. W. Hull, 1st V.
Ralph Warren, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Miles P. Tuttle,

Henry B. Libbey,
Benjamin L. Lathrop.

DIED.

Roswell Auger.

KEYSTONE, No. 27, Meriden.

Time of Regular Convocations, first Tuesday evening in each month,
at 7½ o'clock.

OFFICERS.

Wm. H. Westwood, H. P.
E. O. Hibbard, K.
F.J. Fitch, S.
H. Lyon, Treas.
S. S. Wilcox, Sec'y.
J. C. Booth, C. of H.

H. G. Smith, P. S.
J. L. Westcott, R. A. C.
Benj. Graham, 3rd V.
F. R. Seidensticker, 2d V.
J. E. Stanley, 1st V.
Patrick Garvey, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Stephen Johns,
William Catran,
Benjamin Graham,
J. S. Wightman,
Chas. R. Wright,

Edward N. Thomas,
Edward C. Newport,
Anton Reuss,
James H. Eastman,
E. S. Boynton,

Edwin Cady,
Albert J. Puffer,

Fred. Robt. Seidensticker,
Chas. C. Wilcox.
John L. Westcott,

DIED.

Elijah Harwood.

PALMER, No. 28, Pawcatuck.

Time of Regular Convocations, first and third Mandays in each month

R. Taylor Church, H. P.
Thos. O. Wilcox, K.
Count T. Hall,
Jas. F. Pendleton, Treas.
Isaac F. Burdick, Sec'y.
B. Court Bentley, C. of H.

Geo. A. Champlin, P. S.
David Kenneth, R. A. C.
Albert L. Chester, 3rd V.
Russell C. Champlin, 2d V.
Chas. H. Potter, 1st V.
James Potter, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Robt. A. Sherman,
John Roney,
James W. Murphy,

Russel C. Champlin,
William Prestwick,
Albert L. Chester,
Geo. A. Champlin.

DIED.

James D. Roche.

WITHDRAWN.

Joshua A. Clarke,
Rev. Geo. A. Morse,

Samuel K. Parkar.
George Sheffield.

BURNING BUSH, No 29, Essex.

Time of Regular Convocations, Saturday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Wm. H. Doane, H. P.
Frederick W. Williams, K.

Thomas Williams, P. S.
Ebenezer Williams, Jr., R. A. C.

John I. Hutchinson, S.
John G. Hayden, Treas.
Edward W. Redfield, Sec'y.
William O. Hough, C. of H.

George R. Stillman, 3rd V.
Richard H. Tucker, 2d V.
Joseph R. Johnson, 1st V.
Gurdon H. Post, Tyler.

EXALTED.

S. L. Loomis,
Albert Miner,
R. S. Selden,

E. J. B. Southworth,
L. D. Webber,
E. P. Blagree.

WASHINGTON, No. 30, Suffield.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James McCormick, H. P.
John M. Hatheway, K.
M. T. Newton, S.
Israel Newton, Treas.
Samuel White, Sec'y.
A. T. Austin, C. of H.

John H. Norton, P. S.
N. S. Pomroy, R. A. C.
E. W. Latham, 3rd V.
John C. Mead, 2d V.
J. A. Rodgers, 1st V.
E. B. Hullfish, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Phillip L. Lipps,

John Bassenger,
Dennis Doyle.

WITHDRAWN.

George N. Williston,

COLUMBIA, No. 31, Collinsville.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry M. Barber, H. P.
James W. Creighton, K.

M. W. Thompson, P. S.
J. W. Merrill, R. A. C.

J. H. Thompson, S.
Edward M. Chapin, Treas.
Geo. F. Lewis, Sec'y.
W. H. Dale, C. of H.

H. M. Spencer, 3rd V.
Wheeler M. Case, 2d V.
E. K. Richardson, 1st V.
Marshall Clark, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Warren Case,
Lewis P. Pierce,
Eugene McCarthy,
John F. Harned,

Stanley H. Church,
Samuel H. Cowles,
E. K. Richardson,
A. D. Sheldon.

PEQUABUCK, No. 32, Bristol.

Time of Regular Convocations, first Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Lester Goodenough, H. P.
Henry A. Peck, K.
O. D. Warner, S.
Silas M. Norton, Treas.
Thomas F. Barbour, Sec'y.
Geo. Lewis, C. of H.

H. Bartholomew, P. S.
A. D. Webster, R. A. C.
O. Sheldon, 3rd V.
M. H. Perkins, 2d V.
George W. Atkins, 1st V.
Edwin Spring, Tyler.

EXALTED.

A. B. Custis,
Orlando Sheldon,
Edwin Spring,

Nathan L. Bartholomew,
Wm. D. Curtis,
T. Edwin Hawley,

Thomas F. Barbour.

OUSATONIC, No. 33, New Milford.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

A. S. Hill, H. P.	M. L. Frost, P. S.
S. C. Landon, K.	D. E. Soule, R. A. C.
D. W. Knowles, S.	Wm. Schoverling, 3rd V.
T. T. Marsh, Treas.	H. O. Warner, 2d V.
Geo. W. Anthony, Sec'y.	J. D. Senior, 1st V.
J. E. Knowles, C. of H.	A. Turrell, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Chas. Pugsley, Joseph D. Senior.

WITHDRAWN.

Charles Pugsley.

FREESTONE, No. 34, Portland.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, from September to May annually, and fourth Tuesday the residue of the year.

OFFICERS.

LeRoy Brainard, H. P.	Archie Goodrich, P. S.
Geo. B. Cleveland, K.	Joseph O. Wilcox, R. A. C.
Joseph C. Gladwin, S.	Geo. B. Blizzard, 3rd V.
S. Nelson Hall, Treas.	Christopher Cranmer, 2d V.
W. Delor Freeman, Sec'y.	Daniel E. Andrews, 1st V.
Henry A. Cornwall, C. of H.	Francis Pratt, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Daniel E. Andrews,
Christopher Cranmer,
George B. Blizzard,

Jacob L. Cook,
Joseph J. Mehaffey,
Francis Pratt.

DIED.

William Lewis.

UNION, U. D., Ansonia.

Time of Regular Convocations, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. H. Whiting, H. P.
J. E. Remer, K.
J. Lindley, S.
H. Sperry, Treas.
Geo. O. Schneller, Sec'y.
D. F. Hoadley, C. of H.

Jas. Pemberton, P. S.
John Cowell, R. A. C.
W. W. Steele, 3rd V.
W. Bradley, 2d V.
T. B. Smith, 1st V.
H. Skinner, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Chas. H. Hayes,

Ferris A. Castle,
George E. Ely.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Name of Chapter.	No.	Secretary.	Post Office Address.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Yield.	Struck from roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Members.	No. members last year.
Hiram.....	1	S. B. Wheeler.	Newtown.	5	.....	.....	.....	Newtown.	.....	.....	20	15
Franklin	2	Edwin W. Ensign,	New Haven,	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	419	321
Solomon	3	Arthur R. Blakeslee,	Birmingham,	6	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	153	150
Franklin	4	John Benson,	Norwich,	12	3	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	251	242
Washington..	6	Gilbert R. Burdick,	Middletown,	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122	118
Union	7	W. H. Morris, Jr.,	New London,	6	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	193	192
Trinity	9	Chester Tilden, Jr.,	Williamantic,	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	91
Rittenhouse..	11	J. O. Lounds,	Stamford,	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	94	90
Warren	12	Mowry Ambsbury,	Killingly,	6	.....	1	3	.....	.....	1	115	114
Jerusalem....	13	Edwin I. Pyle,	Bridgeport,	10	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	291	287
Meridian.....	15	F. M. Cook,	West Winsted,	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	138
Darius.....	16	Wm. H. Braman,	Litchfield,	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	70	69
Pythagoras..	17	Henry E. Spencer,	Hartford,	27	.....	1	7	.....	.....	.....	450	431
Adoniram....	18	A. D. West,	Rockville,	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	68	66
Jerusalem....	19	David H. Miller,	Ridgefield,	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	25	26
La Fayette....	20	J. W. Gillen,	Granby,	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	59
Benevolence	21	Wm. H. Stark,	Mystic River,	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	108	108
Eureka	22	Lyman White,	Danbury,	15	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	196	182
Eureka	23	George H. Raymond,	Waterbury,	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	150	146
Washington ..	24	Jacob Turk,	Norwalk,	11	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	138	122
Giddings....	25	E. L. Goodwin,	New Britain,	6	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	111	121
Pulaski	26	R. C. Smith,	Fair Haven,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124	111
Keystone	27	S. S. Wilcox,	West Meriden,	15	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	180	166
Palmer	28	Isaac F. Burdick,	Westerly, R. I.,	7	.....	4	1	8	.....	.....	137	133
Burning Bush,	29	Edward W. Redfield,	Essex,	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	56
Washington..	30	Samuel White,	Stufield,	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	54
Columbia.....	31	George F. Lewis,	Collinsville,	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	54
Pequabuck ...	32	Thomas F. Barbour,	Bristol,	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	46
Ousatonie....	33	George W. Anthony,	New Milford,	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	34
Freestone....	34	W. D. Freeman,	Portland,	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	23	18
Union	U. D.	George O. Schneller,	Ansonia,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	.....

RECAPITULATION

OF

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS FOR THE YEAR END-
ING MAY 7TH, A. D., 1872.

Exhibit of the Work.

No. of members reported last year	3,850
“ Exalted	236
“ Admitted	5
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Total	4,091
“ Withdrawn	19
“ Died	44
“ Struck from the roll	8
“ Expelled	1
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	72
Total membership	4019
Amount of dues from exaltations at \$2.00	\$472.00
“ “ Fines collected	74.00
“ From special dispensations by G. H. P.	25.00
“ From sale of proceedings	1.50
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Total receipts	\$572.50

REPRESENTATIVES

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT NEAR FOREIGN GRAND
CHAPTERS.

Ex-Comp. J. P. Hanner for Tennessee.
" " John N. Lewis, of New York for New York.
" " Wm. S. Combs, of St. Paul for Minnesota.
" " Owen A. Bassett, of Lawrence . . . for Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF

OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
CONNECTICUT.

Ex-Comp Nathan Dikeman, of Waterbury . . for Minnesota.
" " James L. Gould, of Bridgeport . . . for Vermont.
" " L. A. Lockwood, of Greenwich . . . for New York.
" " Wm. W. Lee, of West Meriden . . . for Arkansas.
" " J. E. Bidwell, of Middletown . . . for Oregon.
" " J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford for Missouri.
" " James L. Gould, of Bridgeport . . . for Tennessee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

OF THE

Grand Chapters of the United States.

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GRAND CHAPTERS.	No. of Subordinates.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Resignations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama.....	53	2,184	147	82	121	2	7	129	50	7
Arkansas.....	55	1,307	240	28	90	1	...	21	20	...
California.....	40	1,769	244	35	115	3	1	33	26	21
Connecticut.....	20	3,835	248	11	36	1	...	...	36	...
Delaware.....	4	187	25	1	3	...	...	...	1	...
District of Columbia...	7	836	116	23	27	2	...	42	10	5
Florida.....	13	496	68	10	25	1	...	...	9	...
Georgia.....	44	2,061	187	30	59	1	27	...	26	...
Illinois.....	146	8,405	1,028	73	241	10	89	...	81	...
Indiana.....	74	3,548	497	54	105	9	37	...	35	...
Iowa.....	60	2,556	427	45	113	...	3	15	16	...
Kansas.....	17	610	91	21	17	...	3	...	3	10
Kentucky.....	98	3,397	379	59	134	...	...	111	44	18
Louisiana.....	26	1,577	133	23	53	...	4	24	51	...
Maine.....	35	3,069	381	336	46	...	...	8	23	30
Maryland.....	10	935	84	14	13	...	2	19	11	3
Massachusetts.....	50	6,129	664	...	77	...	5	52	50	...
Michigan.....	75	5,560	504	64	150	7	13	...	52	114
Minnesota.....	19	968	126	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi.....	79	2,583	167	132	132	1	2	169	50	...
Missouri.....	66	3,009	478	85	160	3	2	20	30	38
Nebraska.....	5	264	58	13	4	1	...	...	2	...
New Hampshire.....	17	1,804	126	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey.....	22	2,233	287	2	32	3	3	15	15	...
New York.....	179	15,733	1,927	146	289	13	7	367	170	223
North Carolina.....	14	608	13	13	7	1	...	8	8	1
Ohio.....	120	6,604	679	134	301	10	4	150	71	...
Oregon.....	5	176	5	...	5	...	1	...	...	...
Pennsylvania.....	75	6,898	884	62	238	...	236	...	...	39
Rhode Island.....	10	1,381	177	2	28	...	...	...	7	32
South Carolina.....	37	894	70	5	15	1	2	12	10	1
Tennessee.....	87	4,161	368	55	180	9	...	30	63	...
Texas.....	95	3,220	341	124	180	14	...	230	68	...
Vermont.....	24	1,562	135	3	22	...	5	...	16	...
Virginia.....	46	1,690	...	...	72	1	...	32	36	...
Wisconsin.....	40	2,466	182	38	124	2	...	49	24	28
Totals.....	1,777	104,715	11,486	1,723	3,215	96	457	1,536	1,114	570

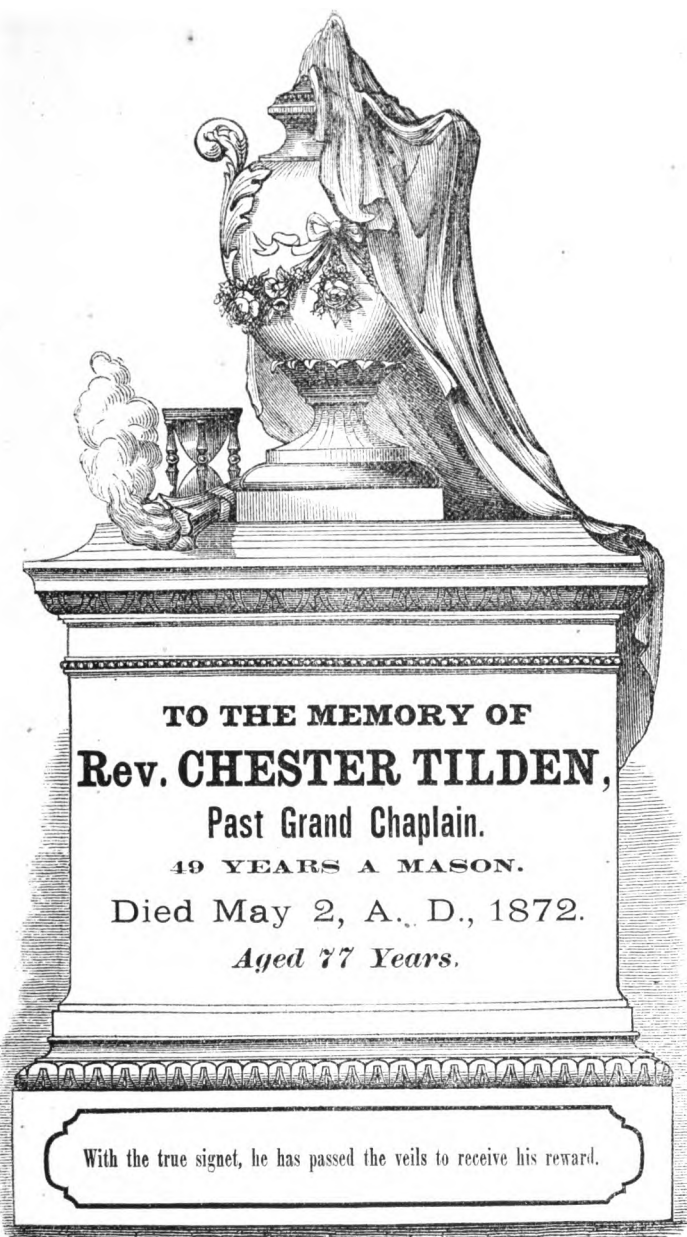
Officers and Placos of Meeting of the General Grand Chapter from its Organization to September, 1871.

YEAR.	WHERE HELD.	G. G. HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY G. G. HIGH PRIESTS.	G. G. KINGS.	G. G. SCRIBES.	G. G. SECRETARIES.	G. G. SECRETARIES.	G. G. CHAPLAINS.	G. G. MARSHALS.
1798.	Hartford, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby.		Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	Thomas S. Webb.	S. T. Hosmer.	William Woart.	A. L. Clarke.	Gurdon Lathrop.
1798.	Providence, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby.		Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	Thomas S. Webb.	J. T. Hosmer.	William Woart.	A. L. Clarke.	Gurdon Lathrop.
1799.	Middletown, Ct.	Ephraim Kirby.		Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	Thomas S. Webb.	J. T. Hosmer.	William Woart.	A. L. Clarke.	John C. TenBroeck.
1806.	Middletown, Ct.	Benj. Hurd, Jr.		Thomas S. Webb.	Ezra Amos.*	Jas. Harrison.	O. Ammidon.	Jonathan Nye.	Joseph Huntington
1816.	New York City.	DeWitt Clinton.		John H. Lynde.*	Philip P. Eckel.*	Peter Grennell.	John Abbott.	Jonathan Nye.	John Harris.
1819.	New York City.	DeWitt Clinton.*		John Snow.	Philip P. Eckel.*	Peter Grennell.	John Abbott.	Jonathan Nye.	David G. Cowans.
1826.	New York City.	DeWitt Clinton.*		John L. Wilson.*	Paul Dean.	Peter Grennell.	L. Chapman.	Jonathan Nye.	William G. Hunt.
1829.	New York City.	Ed. Livingston.		Paul Dean.	Jos. K. Stapleton.	Peter Grennell.	L. Chapman.	Jonathan Nye.	Amos Nourse.
1832.	Baltimore, Md.	Ed. Livingston.*		Paul Dean.*	Jos. K. Stapleton.	Peter Grennell.	L. Chapman.	Jonathan Nye.	Mordecai Myers.
1835.	Washington, D. C.	Ed. Livingston.*		T. B. Van Vechten.*	J. W. Crawford.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Frederick Clark.	L. W. Crawford.
1838.	Boston, Mass.	Paul Dean.		T. B. Van Vechten.*	I. W. Crawford.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	David Butler.	Ezra S. Barnum.
1841.	New York City.	Paul Dean.		Jos. K. Stapleton.	Ezra S. Barnum.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Robt. Punshon.	Nathan B. Haswell.
1844.	New Haven, Ct.	Paul Dean.*		Jos. K. Stapleton.	Ezra S. Barnum.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Robt. Punshon.	Nathan B. Haswell.
1847.	Columbus, O.	Robt. P. Dunlap.		Jos. K. Stapleton.	Willis Stewart.	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Robt. Punshon.	Nathan B. Haswell.
1850.	Boston, Mass.	Robt. P. Dunlap.*		Jos. K. Stapleton.*	Willis Stewart.*	E. A. Raymond.	Charles Gilman.	Robt. Punshon.	Nathan B. Haswell.
1853.	Lexington, Ky.	Robt. P. Dunlap.*		Charles Gilman.	Thomas H. Lewis.*	E. A. Raymond.	Benj. B. French.	Paul Dean.	Nathan B. Haswell.
1856.	Hartford, Ct.	Charles Gilman.*		Philip C. Tucker.*	Amos Adams.*	E. A. Raymond.	Benj. B. French.*	N. B. Haswell.*	G. H. C. Melody.*
1859.	Chicago, Ill.	Albert G. Mackey.		John L. Lewis, Jr.	Ira A. W. Buck.	E. A. Raymond.	Sam'l G. Riek.*	John Hartsock.	David Clark.
1865.	Columbus, O.	John L. Lewis.		Ira A. W. Buck.	A. T. C. Pierson.	John McClellan.	John D. Caldwell.	John McClellan.	William Hacker.
1868.	St. Louis, Mo.	James M. Austin.		Robert S. Bruns.	William Hacker.	John McClellan.	John D. Caldwell.	Isaac S. Titus.	James L. Gould.
1869.	Baltimore, Md.	J. H. Drummond.		Elbert H. English.	Charles H. Ohr.	John McClellan.	Christopher G. Fox.	Joseph Yates.	Orlin H. Miner.
1871.	Baltimore, Md.	J. H. Drummond.		Elbert H. English.	Charles H. Ohr.	John McClellan.	Christopher G. Fox.	Joseph Yates.	Dewitt C. Dawkins.

* Dead + Office changed to "Captain of the Host." + Office changed to "Royal Arch Captain."

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

October 24, 1797.—Preliminary meeting of the three Chapters, at Boston, Mass.
 January 24, 1798.—Organization of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."
 September 1, 1798.—First meeting after organization for the choice of officers.
 January 9, 1799.—Adjourned meeting; change of the name to that of "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."
 January 9, 1806.—Change of name to that of "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America." September 1812, was by resolution, fixed as the time, and New York City as the place for the next septennial session.
 June 6, 1816.—Held in New York by reason of failure to meet in 1812. Constitution changed so as to have a Deputy General Grand High Priest.
 September, 1819.—Held agreeably to adjournment
 February, 1823.—Adjournment was to Washington, District of Columbia, at this time but not held.
 September, 1826.—Met according to previous notice. Meetings made triennial.
 November, 1829.—Held in this month on account of cholera in Baltimore during September.
 September, 1832.—Appointed to meet at Memphis, Tenn., but not held on account of the war.
 September, 1832.—Constitution amended admitting Past Grand High Priests as Permanent members.



TO THE MEMORY OF
Rev. CHESTER TILDEN,
Past Grand Chaplain.

49 YEARS A MASON.

Died May 2, A. D., 1872.

Aged 77 Years.

With the true signet, he has passed the veils to receive his reward.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

As Revised and Amended at the 21st Triennial Convocation, held at
Baltimore, Md., Sept, 1871.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, which shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose; and at which time the General Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot, and installed, except the General Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter

The General Grand Chapter, at any regular meeting, may change the time for the next succeeding meeting; and if, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or absence, of the senior General Grand Officer, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular meeting to some subsequent time; and, in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members, in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the confederation between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any

powers by implication merely ; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, by formal vote ; and its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of dicipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters ; nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted ; nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters ; nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere ; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbirter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several degrees ; and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters ; for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters. And it may suspend the Proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate Jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any wilful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

SEC. 3. The Officers of the General Grand Chapter shall consist of a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. These, together with the first four officers, and all Past Grand High Priests of every State Grand Chapter under this Jurisdiction, or the proxies of the first four General Grand Officers, and of the first four officers of each State Grand Chapter aforesaid, shall compose the General Grand Chapter : *Provided*, That any Chapter under this Jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear

by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers shall collectively have one vote.

SEC. 4. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Chapter, each State Grand Chapter shall be entitled to four votes by its representative or representatives. If there be but two representatives, the inferior officer or his proxy shall give but his own single vote, and the higher officer or his proxy shall give the other three. If there be three representatives, the highest officer or his proxy shall give two votes, and the others or their proxies one each.

The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote : and no General Grand Officer shall be allowed to take a seat in the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of any State Grand Chapter ; nor shall any member of the General Grand Chapter be permitted to vote as proxy, while the person giving the proxy is present ; nor shall any person be admitted into the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one State Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

SEC. 5. The General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest shall have authority to call a special meeting of the General Grand Chapter, whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary ; and it shall be their duty so to do when properly requested by a majority of the State Grand Chapters, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 6. The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations, for a limited length of time, for new Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of the appendant Orders, in any State, Country, Republic or Territory in which there is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when, in their opinion, the good of the Craft may require the same ; which term of time shall in no case extend beyond the close of the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be established in any State, Country, Republic or Territory where there is a Chapter, within a reasonable distance, under the Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, and make report of the same at the next triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter, when the General Grand Chapter may grant the said Chapter a Charter.

SEC. 7. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter, with subordinate degrees, shall be ninety dollars, and no more ; and no credit shall be given for Dispensations or Charters, or for conferring the degrees, in any Chapter or Lodge under this Jurisdiction. And every Chapter,

holden by dispensation or Charter under this Jurisdiction, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars for each Companion therein exalted, until such time as a Grand Chapter shall be regularly established in the State, Country, Republic or Territory in which such Subordinate Chapter is located. The Secretary shall be paid, by the petitioners, ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter.

The fees in the several States for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, shall not be less than twenty dollars.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime Arts, and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures, and Ancient Charges; to consult with each other, and with the Grand, and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters aforesaid, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges. And the better to accomplish this laudable object, the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent Master, Mark, and Past Master Masons throughout the said States, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require—always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

SEC. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its Jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such, by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so called, degrees.

SEC. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place, unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

SEC. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under the immediate Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, all questions (except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require a unanimous ballot,) shall be considered and determined in such way and manner as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find most conducive to their harmony and permanent prosperity; *Provided*, They do not in any case interfere with or infringe on the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 12. The General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter shall have and keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.

SEC. 13. Should any casualty, at any time hereafter, prevent the triennial election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 14. An appeal shall in all cases lie to the General Grand Chapter, from the decision of the M. E. General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decisions shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it is otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

ARTICLE II.

OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The State Grand Chapters shall severally consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host; and likewise of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations, as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper: *Provided*, such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The State Grand Chapters shall severally be holden once in every year, and oftener if they may consider it expedient or necessary, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct. And, at their annual meetings, the constitutional officers shall be elected, or appointed in such manner as shall be provided for by their rules and regulations, and installed into their respective offices. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, for the time being, may call special meetings, to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper.

SEC. 3. The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, within their respective Jurisdictions; to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals and the signs manual of their respective Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, attested by their respective Grand Secretaries, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, within their respective Jurisdictions; but their Jurisdictions shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State, except by consent of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. The Grand, and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant letters of Dispensation under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the qualifications required by the 7th Section of the second Article of this Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time: *Provided*, That the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State in which such Dispensation shall be granted: *And provided further*, That the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Charters, shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same, shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of his Jurisdiction, when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter of Constitution. And in case such Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

SEC. 5. No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chapters shall have power, severally, to require from the several Chapters under their respective Jurisdictions, such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as by their ordinances or regulations shall be appointed; all which said sums or dues shall be made good and paid annually by the said Chapters, respectively, over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter under which they hold their authority, on or before the first day of the respective annual meetings of the several Grand Chapters.

SEC. 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a Dispensation or Charter be granted them.

SEC. 8. The Grand Secretaries of the State Grand Chapters shall, severally, make an annual communication to each other, and also to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, containing a list of Grand Offi-

cers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretaries shall also regularly transmit to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, a copy of all their by-laws and regulations; and also a copy of their proceedings annually, to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter; and the State Grand Chapters shall see that their Secretaries faithfully and punctually perform this duty.

SEC. 9. Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any State, Country, Republic or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established, so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: *Provided*, That the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Grand Chapters, by the regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary—not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 10. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any State Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one Chapter; nor unless he is a member of a Subordinate Chapter under that Jurisdiction

ARTICLE III.

OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION. 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this Jurisdiction shall have a Dispensation, as is provided in Section 6 of Article I, or Section 4 of Article II, of this Constitution, or a Charter from the General Grand Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter, or any member of it, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, without such Charter or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter. But nothing in this section shall be construed to effect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, on the 27th day of January, A. D., 1798.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Charter is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said Charter to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

SEC. 3. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, appertaining to his office duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter, by the Secretary: that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter, of the admission of all candidates or members; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. The Charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which in his judgment may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 4. No person having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this Jurisdiction, until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended.

SEC. 5. That any worthy Companion, from without the Jurisdiction of the United States, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them,) to the end that they may be healed, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.

SEC. 6. That the Subordinate Chapter so conferring said degrees shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.

SEC. 7. It shall not be deemed regular for any Chapter to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State in which there is a Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand Officers, or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, they

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shall, severally, have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, or the High Priest of the same Chapter while it was under Dispensation, when he himself shall have been installed to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SEC. 2. The officers of every Chapter under this Jurisdiction, whether Chartered or under Dispensation, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate, upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, A. B., do promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

SEC. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular meeting receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE I.

The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America is approved and adopted by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; and this Grand Chapter, its officers and members, and the several subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, with their officers and members, shall conform thereto, and said Constitution shall be printed and distributed with the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

Adhesion
to the Gen-
eral Grand
Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Grand Chapter shall be a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, and Grand Royal Arch Captain, who shall severally be elected by ballot, at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Officers &
Members of
the Grand
Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Officers, and the three presiding officers of the several Chapters in this State, shall be members of the Grand Chapter, and entitled to vote on all questions which may be brought before it.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be holden on Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in May, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., at Hartford and New Haven alternately.

Convoca-
tions of the
Grand Cha-
pter.

SEC. 2. The Grand High Priest (and in case of his absence or disability, the Deputy Grand High Priest) may at any time order a Special Convocation, to be holden at such time and place as he may think proper to appoint, giving the members of the Grand Chapter at least six days' notice thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

Prerogatives of the Grand Chapter.
 SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter shall superintend the police of the several subordinate Chapters in this State, and shall order and direct the particular and uniform mode of exaltation, shall hear and determine all appeals of Companions regularly taken from the decision of any subordinate Chapter, and shall affirm or reverse such decision in whole or in part, as they may deem meet and proper.

SEC. 2. It shall be incumbent on the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, to perfect themselves in the sublime art and work of the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, and to make themselves proficient in the Ancient Lectures and Charges; and it shall be their right and duty, as often as opportunity presents, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in this State, and give such instructions as tend to a proper and uniform mode of work; *always adhering to the ancient landmarks.*

ARTICLE V.

New Chapters, how constituted.
 SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter shall have power to constitute new Chapters, by charter, under the sign manuel of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe; which charter shall be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix the seal of the Grand Chapter thereto.

SEC. 2. The Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, shall severally have power, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant dispensations for new Chapters, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. No charter or dispensation for the institution of a new Chapter shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least nine Royal Arch Masons, which petition must be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is to be opened, recommending that the charter or dispensation be granted.

SEC. 4. In all cases of a dispensation being granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next session of the Grand Chapter, when the dispensation must be returned, and a charter may be granted, at the discretion of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. No Chapter shall be instituted until the furniture and implements shall have been procured for conferring the degrees in a proper manner.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. The several Chapters of this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters; and each Chapter hereafter constituted, shall pay to the Grand Chapter ninety dollars, and a fee of ten dollars to the Grand Secretary, before receiving a charter or dispensation. Fees for
Charters &
Dispensa-
tions.

SEC. 2. No charter or dispensation shall be granted without the fees for the same having been first paid to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.

Each Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall demand and receive, for conferring the several degrees, not less than twenty dollars, viz : four dollars for each degree above the Master and below the Arch, and eight dollars for the Arch ; whereof shall be paid to the Grand Chapter two dollars for each exaltation. Fees and
Dues.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the several Chapters in this State to be represented in each Convocation of the Grand Chapter, by one or more of their three Presiding Officers, and to make returns to the Grand Secretary, at each Annual Convocation, of the names of their officers and members, together with the names of all newly elected Companions, under a penalty for neglecting to do so, at the discretion of the Grand Chapter, not exceeding eight dollars. Duties &
Penalties.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. The jurisdiction of each subordinate Chapter in this State shall extend, in every direction, to one-half the distance to the usual place of meeting of the adjoining Chapters : *Provided*, That such jurisdiction shall not extend into a town where another Chapter is located ; and that it may at any time be modified by mutual agreement of the Chapters interested, or by the action of the Grand Chapter. *Provided also*, That where two or more Chapters are located in the same town, they shall have common, co-equal and co-extensive jurisdiction. Jurisdic-
tion of Sub-
ordinate
Chapters.

SEC. 2. No Chapter shall exalt or advance to any degree conferred by such Chapter, any candidate who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the approbation and consent of the Chapter within whose jurisdiction such candidate resides.

ARTICLE X.

Of the
Funds of
Subordi-
nate Chap-
ters.

SEC. 1. No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall divide their funds, or any part thereof, among the members of such Chapter, without the consent and approbation of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. This By-Law shall not prohibit the voting of any sum from the funds of subordinate Chapters to worthy Companions in distress, or their widows and orphans in indigent circumstances.

ARTICLE XI.

Duties &
Prerequi-
sites of the
Grand Sec-
retary.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to attend all Convocations of the Grand Chapter, take care of the archives, and keep fair records of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to collect all moneys which may from time to time become due to the Grand Chapter, and pay the same over to the Grand Secretary, taking his receipt therefor.

SEC. 2. At the close of each Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary shall collect and arrange the proceedings and returns, and cause them to be printed, transmitting by mail one copy thereof to each officer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to each of the officers of this Grand Chapter, to each of the subordinate Chapters in this State, and elsewhere as the Grand Chapter may direct.

SEC. 3. The Grand Secretary shall be entitled to receive fifty dollars per annum, from the funds of the Grand Chapter as a compensation for his services.

ARTICLE XII.

Duties of
the Grand
Treasurer.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive from the Grand Secretary all moneys belonging to the Grand Chapter, and keep regular account of the same; to pay from such moneys all bills ordered by the Grand Chapter, or in the recess, by the M. E. Grand High Priest; and he shall annually submit his account to the Auditing Committee for examination, which Committee shall report on the same at the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Grand Treasurer shall, previous to entering on the duties of his office, execute a bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the first four officers of the Grand Chapter, in such sum as the Grand Chapter shall from time to time direct, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and the safety of the funds entrusted to his care.

ARTICLE XIII.

Should any casualty prevent the election of the Officers of this Grand Chapter, or any of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, at any stated Annual Convocation, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified.

PERMANENT REGULATIONS
OF THE
Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

I.

It shall be deemed unmasonic and disorderly for any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction to allow the introduction of intoxicating drinks of any description into its hall of meeting, or into any ante-room connected therewith. (May 10th, 1859.)

II.

In all cases of appeal from the proceedings of a subordinate Chapter to the Grand Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such subordinate Chapter, at the request of the appellant, to send to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, previous to its next Convocation, all the documents appertaining to such appeal. (May 8th, 1860.)

III.

In all cases of application for the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, in any of the subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, a separate and distinct ballot shall be taken for each degree; and no candidate shall receive either of said degrees, until he shall have been thus balloted for, and received the unanimous approbation of the Companions present; nor shall any candidate be entitled to a ballot for a more advanced degree, until after the conferring upon him of the last preceeding degree which he has been balloted for. (May 13th, 1863.)

IV.

On election of officers.

In all elections in our several Chapters (Grand and subordinate) it is the duty of companions to elect to office those of their number who are best qualified to fill the stations to which they are elected, without reference to the position which they occupy in the Chapter; thereby making their several bodies more effective as working Royal Arch Masons, and as deliberative bodies. (May 12th, 1863.)

V.

Standard work.

This grand Chapter approves and adopts the work as exemplified under the direction of the "Committee on Uniformity of work" as the standard work of this Grand Chapter, and that the several subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are hereby instructed and required to conform substantially to that standard. (Dec. 14th, 1864.)

VI.

Custodians of work and their duties.

The first four Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, for the time being, be, and they are hereby made, *ex-officio*, the custodians of said work, and of the lectures on which the same is based, and that it shall be their duty to make themselves proficient in said work and lectures, and to visit by one of their number, at least once in each year, every subordinate Chapter, inspect the work in all of the degrees, and give such instructions and directions as will secure the substantial adherence to, and uniform practice of, the standard work of this Grand Chapter. (Dec. 14th, 1864.)

VII.

On rehearsing lectures.

It is earnestly recommended to the several Chapters within this jurisdiction, to devote occasional Convocations to rehearsing the lectures of the several degrees, or adopt some other method to perfect themselves in the same. (Dec. 14th, 1864.)

VIII.

On advancing candidates.

It is hereby recommended to the several subordinate Chapters, to be particularly careful not to advance candidates, except in extreme cases of emergency, until they have made considerable proficiency in acquiring a knowledge of the preceding degrees. (Dec. 14, 1864.)

IX.

On use of substitutes.

This Grand Chapter deprecates the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, except in cases of extreme emergency. (May 9th, 1865.)

X.

The list of members of the subordinate Chapters shall be published with the returns, triennially, commencing with the year 1867. (May 8th, 1866.)

XI.

The Grand Secretary is requested not to publish with the proceedings of this Grand Body, the names of candidates for the Chapter degrees, who have been rejected. (May 8th, 1866.)

XII.

The Grand Secretary is instructed to furnish the subordinate Chapters with blanks for returns, at least one month before each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. (May 8th, 1866.)

XIII.

The Committee on By-Laws is hereby created a Standing Committee of the Grand Chapter, to serve for one year from the date of their appointment. (May 7th, 1867.)

XIV.

All By-Laws of subordinate Chapters which are to be submitted for the approval of the Grand Chapter, shall be forwarded to the chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, at least thirty days prior to the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and that no such By-Laws shall be passed upon, or approved by this Grand Chapter, unless they shall have been so forwarded. (May 7th, 1867.)

XV.

Any member of a subordinate Chapter voting for, or against the admission of a candidate, and disclosing the fact when the ballot is not clear, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct, and be dealt with accordingly. (May 7th, 1867.)

XVI.

The petition of a rejected candidate cannot be again presented to a subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, until a period of at least six months shall have elapsed, and a rejected candidate cannot be allowed to petition to any other Chapter, without first obtaining unanimous consent of the Chapter first rejecting him. (May 12th, 1868.)

XVII.

One ballot only necessary.

Whenever a ballot shall be spread upon the application of any candidate, in any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, every member present must vote. If all the ballots are white, the High Priest must declare the candidate duly elected. If but one black ball appear, or if for any cause the High Priest be of the opinion a mistake has been made, he may order a new ballot to be immediately spread; and if all the ballots shall not then be white, the High Priest shall declare the candidate rejected; and the action of any Chapter upon the application of candidates must be recorded upon its minutes. (May 12th, 1868.)

XVIII.

Appropriation for office rent.

If the Grand Lodge concur, the Grand Chapter will appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars annually, for the purpose of renting a suitable place for the office of the Grand Secretary. (May 12th, 1868.)

XIX.

Trustees to be elected.

Three trustees shall be elected annually by ballot, whose duty it shall be to receive from the Grand Treasurer all moneys and funds belonging to the Grand Chapter, exceeding the sum of \$250, and to invest the same in their names as such trustees, and their successors in office, in such safe securities as they may approve, and that said trustees report thereon at every Annual Convocation. (May 12th, 1868.)

XX.

Bond required by grand treasurer.

Any person duly elected to fill the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, shall give a good and sufficient bond with three or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the members composing the Grand Council, which bond shall be lodged in the hands of the board of trustees, appointed annually, to take charge of the funds of said Grand Chapter. (October 13th, 1868.)

XXI

Spiritu-ous liquors.

The introduction of spirituous liquors into the Chapter or ante-rooms of any Chapter, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be, and the same is hereby strictly prohibited. (May, 1869.)

XXII.

Hereafter the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction shall insert in their usual forms of application for the Chapter Degrees the following sentence, "and that I have never been rejected by any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons." (May, 1869.)

On petitions.

XXIII.

Whenever a candidate for the Chapter Degrees shall be rejected in any Chapter, in a city or town where two or more Chapters have concurrent jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of the Chapter so rejecting, to give notice of such rejection immediately to each other Chapter having such concurrent jurisdiction. (May, 1869.)

On rejections.

XXIV.

That a copy of all charters which may have been, or may hereafter be granted, to subordinate Chapters, be recorded by the Grand Secretary; and that each subordinate Chapter furnish a copy of their charter to the Grand Secretary, within thirty days after receiving notice of this vote, and that the Grand Secretary receive a fee of one dollar for each charter so recorded. (May, 1870.)

Charters to be copied.

XXV.

That this Grand Chapter adopt, so far as is applicable, the abridgement of Masonic Law and Practice prepared by Companion Luke A. Lockwood, P. G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter, as the standard authority on Masonic Jurisprudence within this jurisdiction. (May, 1870.)

Lockwood's masonic law adopted.

XXVI.

That representatives of the several Subordinate Chapters at the Convocations of the Grand Chapter be instructed to wear their jewels of office. (May, 1870.)

Delegates to wear jewels.

XXVII.

That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to exact the payment of a fee of Five Dollars in case of each dispensation issued by him at the request of any Subordinate Chapter or individual Companion, and for which no fee has been heretofore required; such fees to be paid over to the Grand Secretary, and by him reported to the Grand Chapter. (May, 1871.)

Fees for special dispensations.

XXVIII.

Report on correspondence to be printed in advance. That the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be requested henceforth, to furnish the Grand Secretary with his report in sufficient time, to admit of the same being printed before the Annual Convocation, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the same printed and distributed among the members upon the opening of the Grand Chapter.
(May, 1872.)

Report of Foreign Correspondence.

TO THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence would respectfully report, that the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, and of the General Grand Chapter, have been received and examined ; to wit :

Alabama,	1871	Nebraska,	1871
California,	1871	New Hampshire,	1871
Canada,	1871	New Jersey,	1871
Delaware,	1871	New York,	1872
Florida,	1871	North Carolina,	1871
Georgia,	1871	Nova Scotia,	1871
Illinois,	1871	Ohio,	1871
Indiana,	1871	Oregon,	1871
Iowa,	1871	Tennessee,	1871
Kansas,	1871	Texas,	1871
Kentucky,	1871	Vermont,	1871
Maine,	1871	Virginia,	1871
Michigan,	1872	Wisconsin,	1872
Mississippi,	1872	Gen'l Gr. Chapter U. S.,	1871

ALABAMA.

The forty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Montgomery, December 5th, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: Henry Clay Armstrong, Grand High Priest.

He says :

"Very precious are the experiences of the past, as its recollections come to us freighted with kind and fraternal greetings, and harmonious endeavors in the prosecution of the one purpose of our assembling—the good of our order. Remotely separated as are our dwelling places, diverse and distinct as are our ordinary pursuits, and the hopes and aims and aspirations of our lives, there is a *unity* that belongs to us as Masons. The golden chain whose links are 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,' extends from heart to heart; and we thus receive and transmit continually the current of genuine charity and sympathy.

Again,

"If it be indeed true that we have fallen upon evil times; that men generally are less mindful of their obligations than formerly; that confidence is being destroyed, and the bonds of society relaxed; be ours the mission to so cleave to the tenets of our order, and so illustrate them in our daily walk and conversation, as to severally furnish in the sphere of our influence an effectual antidote to this degeneracy. Thus may we exemplify the teachings of Masonry, and thus contribute, in our day and generation, to the strength and beauty, and usefulness of the institution.

The Report on Correspondence is by Ex. Companion P. J. Pillans, whose reputation as a Reporter is already established; and covers twenty-seven Grand Chapters. Connecticut, we are happy to see, is not in the vocative upon the matter of the installation of a re-elected officer. He says:

"In the case he supposes—that of a High Priest once installed, and many years after re-elected—the officer should be installed. This is the custom here, as it is in Florida; for he is charged to the discharge of the duties until his successor is "qualified." To be qualified, he must not only have been elected, but installed. Until such is the case, however, we hold that the installation obligations are binding, and he is not relieved from them."

This presents the nice question whether a person can be successor to himself. The reasoning of Companion Pillans applies, in case no election is had, or, what is tantamount to it, an election without installation. In such case he holds the office because his successor has not been installed; and, of course, his former installation service is binding, as suggested.

We cannot approve the practice. Officers cannot be too often, or too solemnly impressed, with the duty they owe to the Fraternity.

He pays us the high compliment of saying:

"The mantle of Companion Storer has fallen upon worthy shoulders."

He makes a remark, towards the close of his report, which has been so often suggested to all of the reportorial corps. That

"Tombstones everywhere marked our progress through these records-reminding us of the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of being prepared for the dread summons."

M.: E.: H. Clay Armstrong was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 11, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: George T. Grimes, Grand High Priest.

He says:

"The appointment of Representatives near other Grand Bodies is a practice which, in my judgement, is calculated to confer great benefit upon the craft, by bringing us into closer relationship with each other, and by fostering those reciprocal acts of courtesy and kindness which tend so greatly to endear man to his brother man."

And concludes:

"Let me express the hope that we may, one and all, be guided in our intercourse with each other by those great Masonic principles upon which our Order is founded, and that the application of these principles may not be confined to externals only, but may they be the guide of our actions in all things. May we lay aside 'all malice and guile and hypocrisies, and envies and all evil speakings.' Let them be as beacons and guides in our Masonic pathway, leading us in uprightness, in truth and integrity, and in harmony one with another. Then shall we become elevated, purified and exalted, and fitted for that Grand Convocation which shall meet in the 'Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'

Companion Lawrence C. Owen presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing thirty-seven Grand Chapters. Very little worthy of note escapes his attention.

The action of the Grand High Priest was approved, in arresting the charter of a Chapter which resolved,

"That until the Committee on By-Laws now appointed shall make their report, the stated meetings of this Chapter shall be holden on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week, at which petitions may be received and referred, and reported upon at the next succeeding meeting, at which time the applicants may be balloted for: and that this present meeting shall be considered the first stated meeting of the Chapter."

"The Chapter proceeded to act immediately under this resolution, without submitting it to the Grand High Priest for his approval; and in the nine days which elapsed before the report of the Committee on By-Laws, they elected six candidates to receive the degrees, conferring upon them twenty-two; received and referred the petitions of four others, and, after the adoption of the By-Laws, completed the work previously commenced."

This is a specimen of as great rapidity in work as we ever remember. It is no wonder the companions could not even spare Sunday as a *day of rest*.

M.: E.: James L. English was elected Grand High Priest; and Ex. Charles L. Wiggin, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held August 9th, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: T. Douglas Harrington, G.: Z.:

Alluding to the difficulty connected with Craft Masonry in Canada, he remarks:

"Arch Masonry is indirectly affected by it, and it is well calculated to do, and is doing, injury in many ways. That the Grand Lodge of Quebec is an accomplished fact, it would be absurd to ignore. It has been unconditionally recognized by some twenty-three Grand Lodges already, and that other Grand Bodies will pursue a like course, I entertain no doubt. This is not a question for Grand Chapters to discuss, but it is my duty to inform you that I received a very courteous and fraternal communication, in my capacity of your Grand First Principal, from the M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, who is likewise a member of high standing of this Grand Chapter, notifying officially the existence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and seeking for amicable and free intercourse, to which I replied in a similar spirit; and these letters are, of course, ready to be laid before you. I am quite without information from the Grand Lodge of Canada—I had given to me, from more than one quarter, clear testimony that bitter feelings were beginning to be engendered among our Royal Arch Masons, at Montreal especially, and that, greatly to their discredit, they were threatening to use, if not actually doing so, the ballot-box as an instrument of strife! This I was resolved to render nugatory, if possible, so far as Capitular Masonry was concerned, and it was partly in consequence of this that I granted dispensations for the two new Chapters in that city, the respective petitions coming to me from companions on the one part favorable, and the other hostile to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I believe I did right, and that I am justified by the result."

He gives this wise counsel:

"It is the wisest course to look this contingency full in the face, and when that time does arrive, carry out the change in a truly masonic and fraternal way—giving and receiving, bearing and forbearing, making mutual concessions if needful, and avoiding heart burnings and strife, scorning wordy warfare, but wishing instead, God speed, and prosperity to all concerned."

The Superintendent of the Central District recommends :

" Your Superintendent cannot but strongly urge upon the Grand Chapter that, no Master Mason should be admitted to Chapter honors, unless he is conversant with the principles, and capable of *opening* and *closing*, with readiness and accuracy, the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. The admission of any but *actual* Masters or Past Masters to our Body, is confessedly an *indulgence*. To be worthy of this indulgence, a candidate should, at the very least, possess the modicum of knowledge which I have stated. As wherever I have visited, I have found the same difficulty, I would urge the consideration of it upon the Grand Chapter."

If this rule were enforced, how many would receive Chapter honors? We have seen actual Masters who could scarcely answer such requirement, and would therefore require *indulgence* as well as virtual Past Masters.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Companion Henry Robertson, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Connecticut receiving fraternal notice.

He, however, falls into the common error of confounding our Companion William Storer, with deceased Companion E. G. Storer. Both are deserving of the universal praise bestowed.

He closes his very creditable report as follows :

" On a survey of the whole field, there is great cause for congratulation at the general prosperity of the Capitular branch of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Peace and harmony are everywhere predominant, and a large measure of success is attending the efforts of our co-workers in the great cause for which we are all laboring.

There are, no doubt, differences of opinion on many subjects, but these are discussed temperately and in a fraternal manner, and the results arrived at are conceived and acted upon with but one view—to maintain the moral precepts and principles of our Order, and to promote the comfort and happiness of our fellow-man."

M.: E.: T. Douglas Harrington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z; and R.: E.: John Wilson, of Simcoe, Grand Registrar.

DELAWARE.

The third Annual Convocation was held at Dover, January 18th, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: Daniel C. Goodwin, Grand High Priest. Four Chapters represented.

He closes his address as follows:

“And now, Companions, the hour has arrived when I shall return to you the insignia of my office as Grand High Priest, with which, by your kind preference, I have been for two years invested. I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to discharge faithfully the trust you reposed in me. When I have erred, or mayhap come short, the judgement has been at fault, and not the heart. Having done my part in the grand work of laying the foundation stones of this, our second temple, and serving you as your leader until now, our success is fully assured—Peace and Harmony reigning universally, I feel it only right that others may become the recipients of your honors, and help share, more conspicuously, the burdens of the work laid upon us all.

May the Great High Priest of the Heavens be and abide with you all.”

The prospects of the Royal Craft in Delaware, are rapidly improving.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Companion John A. Nicholson, acknowledging receipts of proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, and humbly prays the Grand Chapter to accept an excuse in place of his review. We hope they will do better next year. Some one ought to be found who would be willing to serve the craft even at some personal sacrifice. We are glad to see that M.: E.: Companion D. C. Goodwin has undertaken the duty.

M.: E.: Allen V. Lesley was elected Grand High Priest; and F. F. Goodwin, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of Florida met in its seventy-fourth Annual Convocation, at Tallahassee, January 10th, A. D., 1871.

M.: E.: De Witt C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest. He says :

"When you come to review the operations of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past masonic year, you will not likely find that much rapid progress has been made, nor could it be reasonably expected. Yet the evidences of moderate success, and the elements of steadiness and future prosperity are with us.

Our people, like children and cripples, learning and relearning to walk, are beginning, if but slowly, to survive the misfortunes and hardships of the past, and when the sprig of prosperity has once more begun to flourish in our lovely floral state, Royal Arch Masonry will feel its influence, and flourish, and be useful in proportion. May the days of former prosperity ere long return, and even be exceeded, and then may all in the land be glad."

Companion Thomas A. Carruth, presented the report on Correspondence, ably reviewing twenty-eight Grand Chapters.

We deeply sympathize with him in his misfortune. He writes:

"In entering again upon the pleasant duty of writing a report for your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we had hoped to have no occasion for rendering any excuse for its short comings other than the want of ability on the part of the writer, and had the work commenced in time to make the report without haste; but

"The best laid schemes of mice and men
Gang aft aglee."

On the night of the 13th December the dwelling of the writer was entirely consumed by fire, leaving himself and family homeless, and destroying much valuable property, among which was the labor commenced, and in a fair way of completion, of this report. The cares and anxieties consequent upon such a misfortune, and the labor incident upon getting another shelter for wife and children, have so drawn upon our time as to prevent another commencement of work on the report until now, December 29th, when we begin *de novo*, and throw ourself upon the masonic charity of our companions at home and abroad."

We cannot see that the report calls for any display of charity. Is it not rather odd, that nearly every well written report, opens or closes with an apology? "*Le bon vin n'a pas besoin d'enseigné.*" He draws it pointedly on the subject of temperance.

"We cannot fully concur with him in his hearty endorsement of the strictures of Companion J. Emmet Blackshear, of Georgia, on the decision of the G. H. P. of Alabama 'that a Chapter may adopt a by-law declaring that any companion who shall be engaged in selling spirituous liquors is guilty of unmasonic conduct.'

Temperance is the *first* cardinal principle of Masonry, and we do not believe in any *true* temperance except total abstinence, and the man who for the sake of mammon will voluntarily deal out liquid poison to his fellow creatures to produce misery, crime and death, should be classed with and treated like any other who would sell strychnine or arsenic for the same purpose, and is in our estimation really guilty of unmasonic and inhuman conduct."

The following report was adopted :

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit: '*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction are hereby authorized to suspend all members who are two years or more in arrears for dues, after three months notice and due trial,' beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass, for the reason that particular Chapters already have the right to make such By-Laws, touching that point as they may think that the exigencies of the case demand. The resolution is not imperative in its nature, and therefore confers no additional power; and even if obligatory your committee would be opposed to it, as in their opinion the whole matter should be left where it now is, to the discretion of the particular Chapters."

We concur.

M. E. D. C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest. * W. M. McIntosh, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Annual Convocation at Augusta, April 26, A. D., 1871.
M. E. Moses P. Kellogg, Grand High Priest.

He eloquently says :

"Institutions, like individuals, are subject to sudden variations of fortune. Now, the skies are all serene, and the bright rays of noontide splendor charm and invigorate. Anon, thunder-clouds obscure the

horizon, and portentous darkness settles down upon all things, but to the Mason these changes come and go like the ebbing and flowing of old ocean's restless tide.

Founded on eternal truth, as our Order is, no genuine devotee of Masonry can, during these convulsions, lose sight of the unchangeable principles that govern the institution.

In his hours of affliction Masonry is a constant solace. In his rounds of pleasure the teachings of the Order restrict his passions and increase his joys. And in that solemn hour, when the soul hovers midway between two worlds—when the veil of earthly vision grows transparent with the dawning light of eternity—it must be a source of comfort to know that he possesses the Signet of Truth, by which he may gain admission within the white veil of the sanctuary, while his earthly remains will be honored, with sepulture and his orphan children and destitute widow will be protected. What institution can do more ? ”

Again :

“ How thoroughly impressed should we become of the frailty of all human efforts to perpetuate our glory by the erection of fane, temple, or tower, when we remember that the magnificent structure of King Solomon stood less than the number of years allotted to the present generation ! Better meet beneath the shade of some friendly oak—in the depths of some secret ravine—or on the summit of some unprotected hill, with hearts of true Masons and the means of relieving the wants of the destitute—than assemble in the lofty halls of some frescoed temple without means of charity and with hearts of stone.”

Again :

“ The purity of our Order is now of vastly more importance than the increase of our membership. Purge the Temple—drive out the money changers, and all who traffic in Masonry for gain—and once cleansed, see to it that no stone be received hereafter unless it can stand the test of the overseer's square, for only thus can you discharge your full duty to your sacred trust.”

Again :

“ As a stream cannot be pure whose fountain head is corrupt, so no institution can hope to have a pure membership whose leaders are immoral. Therefore, Companions, let us seek to purify ourselves, that we may prove worthy to enter the *sanctum sanctorum*, receive there the teachings of the spirit of Masonry, and when we come forth let the breastplate be radiant with the inspirations of truth, that we may lead the Order by a way they know not, make darkness light and crooked things straight.”

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Companion J. E. Blackshear, in his usual felicitous style, reviewing thirty Grand Chapters, Connecticut included.

He falls into the common error of mistaking the Brothers E. G. and William Storer, the first so many years the laborious and faithful Grand Secretary, the latter the well known and universally esteemed reporter.

M. E. Moses P. Kellogg was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. J. Emmett Blackshear Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Twenty-second Annual Convocation at Chicago, October 6, A. D., 1871. M. E. Augustus A. Murray, Grand High Priest. He speaks thus encouragingly of the Royal Craft :

"We stand before the world in an important aspect. Intelligent well-meaning men recognize in us and our noble fraternity no second rate moral power; and while croakers and fogies are content to live within the limits of their own sordid and selfish aims and deeds, and to condemn whatever might help mankind to rise to better and nobler views of human life and destiny, the benedictions of the truly wise and good rest on our noble and glorious work.

"And why should they not? Our banner floats on every breeze, bearing on its ample folds an influence sufficient to convince the wondering world that our motive is progress, growth, improvement, and that the welfare of an undivided and indivisible humanity is our noble inspiration.

"Under Him who presides in the Grand East, we feel encouraged to go on to even grander achievements than those recorded in the past history of our Order."

He says, speaking of a certain recorded transaction of a subordinate :

"I therefore ordered the High Priest of Fox River Chapter, No. 14, to discontinue further proceedings in the matter, and to expunge from the records so much as related to the Petition for Recommendation for a new Chapter at Batavia."

Pray tell us all how the expunging is done. Is the record kept on a slate and wiped off? If upon paper is the leaf torn

out? It strikes us that this word "expunge" cannot be found in the masonic vocabulary. On the subject of substitutes and the General Grand Chapter he says:

"It may be deemed out of place for me, young as I am in Masonic years and experience, to take issue with the honorable companions; nevertheless, I am compelled by my own conviction of right to hold, as I ever have, that the using of substitutes is in direct violation of our Ritual, and that no such emergency can exist as will justify any High Priest in a violation of his obligation; and not until our Ritual is modified so as to conform to the meaning and intent of these Resolutions shall I feel justified in using substitutes, or consenting to their being used, and I hope that this Grand Chapter will not adopt the spirit of the Resolution.

"The question as to what the G. O. R. A. word is, was discussed at great length by many Companions, among whom I will mention Companions Pike, Mackey, Drummond, Ohr and Lockwood, who are noted for their great ability and extensive Masonic knowledge.

"It was finally decided the one now mainly used in this Jurisdiction, which is composed of three syllables, is the true G. O. R. A. word."

We did not so understand it. We supposed it was decided what the G. R. A. W. was, and also what the G. O. W. was. But on this subject more anon. We shall look for the M. E. Companion again as a zealous laborer in the masonic vineyard.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion James H. Miles, reviewing thirty-seven Grand Chapters in a most creditable manner.

He does us the compliment of quoting our remarks last year, on the subject of substitutes; and, when we look for his conversion, lo! he finishes with the remark, that, the argument used is quite strong for the prohibition, reminding one strongly of Ike Marvel's introduction to "Dream Life," when he read his manuscript to his Aunt Tabiltan, and she constantly nodded her cordial approval. His manuscript completed, he found the old lady *asleep*.

We feel constrained to make the original remark, that space forbids our noting the many good things in this report.

M. E. James A. Hawley was elected Grand High Priest; and E. Companion James H. Miles, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Logansport, October 18th, 1871. M.: E.: Rees J. Chesnutwood, Grand High Priest.

He says:

"Permit me, then, to urge upon all subordinates the importance of guarding well the portals of the sanctuary, and suffer none to enter but the worthy. Our strength does not consist in the quantity, but the quality of the material."

M.: E.: Companion Hacker submitted a report on the General Grand Chapter.

"A proposition to again attempt to revise and unify the work and ritual in conferring the several degrees of the Chapter, was presented and promptly laid upon the table, where we trust that subject will be permitted to rest, and we don't care if it is for all future time."

He quotes the following resolution of 1856:

"Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter, having failed to determine on any specific mode of work, that it is urgently recommended to the officers of the Grand Chapters, by careful investigation, to make themselves acquainted with the ancient work of the Order, and to disseminate it among their respective subordinates."

And adds:

"In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing resolution, most, if not all the Grand Chapters, have taken hold of the matter and adopted a system of work and lectures for their respective jurisdictions, and have disseminated the same among their subordinates, in each of which there may be some slight variation in verbiage from others, but surely not sufficient to cause any inconvenience to a companion of one jurisdiction freely making himself known as a Royal Arch Mason in any other jurisdiction. The ceremonies and symbols, with the great moral lessons they teach, as also the means of recognition, are the same everywhere, and to attempt to make every Royal Arch Mason use at all times in the rituals precisely the same form of words is about as futile and useless as to attempt to compel each and all to breathe the vital air at precisely the same moment of time, and we are persuaded that the one is just about as laudable or necessary as the other."

This accords with our views decidedly. We regret to read the following:

"The question might here arise in the minds of some as to what use the General Grand Chapter can have for so much revenue. To this we can only reply, that, should the amount be realized, there is but little doubt that the members of the General Grand Chapter can devise some use for the amount. Perhaps they might find it expedient to appropriate some goodly portion thereof towards defraying the expenses of some of the magnificent banquets that are usually given on such occasions. But the request is before you, companions, for your consideration and action."

The General Grand Chapter is well known. The sources of her revenue are limited. The expense of "magnificent banquets" have never been paid out of the treasury, but has always been the free-will offering of her loving and hospitable children. It is not seemly to give our mother a stone when she asks bread. This, too, from our venerable and respected Companion Hacker. We are glad to see that forty dollars were appropriated for the General Grand Chapter; and, for fear our Indiana representatives might vote in General Grand Chapter to have it expended for a "magnificent banquet," its use is limited to defraying expenses of printing.

The Committee on Jurisprudence further reported:

"That we are pleased to know that no change in the essential part of the rituals, as adopted by this Grand Chapter, to make them conform to the decision of the General Grand Chapter, is at all necessary; and but a slight transpose of a few non-essential words will make our ritual in conferring the Royal Arch degree in exact accordance with their decision, as has been reported to us."

We presume Indiana has made the same transpose as Connecticut.

E.: Companion E. W. H. Ellis, chairman on Correspondence, reports "nothing presented to the committee requiring their action." Happy, thrice happy chairman! How often we have wished we could be permitted to make such a report.

M.: E.: Companion Chesnutwood was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter come to us adorned with a fine steel plate engraving of M.: E.: Z. C. Luse, Grand High Priest, which we find placed there by order of the Grand Body.

The Annual Convocation was held October 18th, A. D., 1871, R.: E.: D. Baugh, Deputy Grand High Priest, occupying the East.

The annual address of M.: E.: Companion Luse, who was disabled by accident, opens as follows:

"COMPANIONS:—In the kind providence of God, we are again brought to another mile-post in our masonic pilgrimage. To few of us has the past year been one of unalloyed pleasure; to many its pathway has been indeed checkered with good and ill—to some the dark spots have seemed at times to cover almost the whole, while occasionally the sunlight breaking through the clouds has brightened them, until even the saddest have seemed almost to smile. To me, they have come as to others, some bright and some dark; and now, from the stillness of my room, where for four months I have been confined and where I am now lying with a broken limb, I send you these few words of greeting, praying your indulgence for my absence and the imperfection which must mark this communication. That I have escaped with my life is to me a source of profound satisfaction and thankfulness to Heaven, though my regret is deep that I cannot be with you."

He recommends the repeal of edict of this Grand Chapter, forbidding the use of substitutes; but the proposition was rejected by the Grand Chapter.

He facetiously remarks:

"I understand the most important actions had were the levying of an annual tribute, equal to a day's labor of a Mark Master Mason, on each craftsman, making all Past Grand High Priests members of that body, (thus widening the base of its affections in the hearts of those who have nothing more to expect at home or to hope for abroad,) and deciding, by the help of Companion Albert Pike, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, the true word of a Royal Arch Mason. If anything more was done you will be informed by the excellent companions who were present."

The italics are our own and will receive attention hereafter.

The representatives to the General Grand Chapter made a report, in part as follows :

"The two other most prominent subjects brought to its notice and received action were the 'Word' and 'Substitutes.'" The former was reduced from three to one language, that of 'plain English,' one of the original three."

Either these companions or your correspondent did not understand the action of the General Grand Chapter upon this subject, and we are quite curious to know what all this means. The reduction spoken of, if made, would be a "*reductio ad absurdum*."

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved as a general regulation*, That no companion shall be elected to the office of Grand High Priest or Grand Treasurer for more than one successive term."

It is surprising how the political sentiment of the day is reflected, even in so conservative a body as a Grand Chapter of Masons.

A majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended repeal of the resolution, forbidding use of substitutes, but the Grand Chapter refused to concur.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa pays its contribution towards the funds of the General Grand Chapter.

The report on Correspondence reviews thirty-eight Grand Chapters, Connecticut included.

Companion U. D. Taylor still holds his own, and vies with Dr. (abbreviated for *dear*) Corson, of New Jersey. Remember, Companions, nothing is more dangerous than a reputation of being a wit.

Space will not allow the liberal quotations we would be glad to make from this report.

M.: E.: E. A. Guilbert was elected Grand High Priest, and E.: Companion W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Seventh Annual Convocation at Topeka, October 17th, A. D., 1871, R.: E.: E. D. Hillyer, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding in the absence of M.: E.: Owen A. Bassett, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest's address was submitted, and it is one of those efforts which give character to our institution and increase the body of masonic literature.

We quote:

"While gathered within this sanctuary of our grand tabernacle, shielded from the world by the veils in the outer courts, may we have purity of intentions, fervency and zeal in the discharge of every duty, union of purpose to maintain unimpaired the principles of our society, and universal friendship and benevolence towards all mankind.

'May this fraternal band in faith and hope be blessed;
In charity thrice blessed stand, in purity be dressed.'

To our grand jurisdiction, the past year brought nothing of special interest; ordinary prosperity has followed our masonic labors, and we have been exempt from those three great scourges of the human family: war, pestilence and famine. Although we have not had the visible presence of the GREAT I AM with us, as he manifested himself to the Israelites, when the Shekinah rested above the mercy seat, yet we have no less doubt that he has been with us, watched over and protected us; although we have not heard his voice as did the priests in the ancient temple within the most holy place, when the Bathkol, from between the Cherubim, announced the divine pleasure, yet we have heard that unfailing mentor which speaks so plainly to our consciences, and informs us of his will, and thereby have we been directed to perform the obligations enjoined on us to keep inviolably the mysteries unfolded to us, and invariably to practice all those duties demanded of us."

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"Two thousand four hundred years have passed away since the occasion of those events, yet the same spirit of intolerance that existed in the time of Ahasuerus and Artaxerxes among those 'nations which the great and good Asnapper brought over and set in the cities of Samaria,' still exists and actuates the few bigots who have with so much persistency inaugurated a crusade against masonry in the United States. Rehum, the Chancellor, and Shimshai, the Scribe, made false representations to the King, and appealed to his prejudices; and he, not possessing

the intelligence of his predecessor, King Cyrus, or the justness of his successor, King Darius, yielded to the importunate demand of those designing persons. Their imitators of to-day, with no less evil intent, appeal to the prejudices and superstitions of the ignorant, and seek aid from our lawmakers to accomplish the object in view."

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"The bible is the great light in masonry. Every man is responsible to a greater or less extent, according as his means of knowledge have been greater or less. No one who has had the bible placed in his hands, and been taught to read it, can be a good man and disbelieve its teachings. And no one can be a good Royal Arch Mason who is not a good man. Therefore, I answer, that no one who does not believe in the writings of Moses and the Prophets, as contained in the old testament, if he has been educated in a civilized or enlightened country, can be a good Royal Arch Mason, for Royal Arch Masonry is founded thereon."

This admits of much discussion. Belief in God and of some revelation of his will is an essential; but must this belief extend to the writings of Moses and the Prophets, as the only revelation of his will? *Dubito.*

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by E.: Companion E. T. Carr, and embrace the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters.

He says, respecting our resolution requiring a fee of five dollars for special dispensations:

"Be charitable, companions. It is certainly a misfortune to ask for a dispensation, therefore do not take advantage of that misfortune to enrich your Grand Chapter."

We take it, a special dispensation is generally as much of a luxury to the applicant as a misfortune to the craft, and should be paid for as such.

We return thanks for Companion Carr's congratulations.

There are many good things we would like to note, but space forbids.

M.: E.: E. D. Hillyer was elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Convocation at Louisville, Oct. 16, A. D., 1871.

M.: E.: Henry Bostwick, Grand High Priest. In the matter of uniformity of work, he says:

"On the subject of Uniformity of 'Work,' I would say, that while I am fully satisfied that the Chapters are endeavoring to do 'good work' and true, I find great want of uniformity, and the difficulty seems to be, that no one knows which is the correct work, (this Grand Chapter never having adopted any system of work;) and my firm conviction is, that it will be impossible to have anything like uniformity in the work of our Chapters, until this Grand Chapter adopts a system of work, and then employs one or more lecturers to visit the Chapters and exemplify the same."

We are gratified to read

"I am unwilling to close my annual report without calling your attention to the fact that the 'Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary'—the first great organic charity inaugurated in this jurisdiction, bids fair to realize the fullest expectation of its founders and friends, and is entitled to the patronage and support of our various masonic bodies. Many of our Subordinate Chapters have already responded in a liberal spirit to the appeal in its behalf, and we trust that all, will ere long be enrolled on its honorable list of contributors."

"Since our last annual Convocation, the orphans' wing of the institution has been finished and opened for the reception of beneficiaries, and it is earnestly desired by the directors that the various Chapters, as well as Lodges, will ascertain and report the number of masonic orphans in their various jurisdictions who may be entitled to its privileges, that they may at once be welcomed to the comfortable and beautiful home provided for them by the philanthropy of the general craft."

The time will undoubtedly come when the craft will maintain many like organized charities.

We observe with regret the practice of naming Chapters after prominent masons, "Charles Eginton," "Bostwick," "S. C. McCullough," &c. We shall expect by and by to see the old English names adopted, and some Chapter delighting in the name of "*Praise God or you will be damned Barebones*" Chapter, U. D. We think we see a slight improvement in the following:

"*Resolved*, That the name of J. Proctor Knott Chapter, No. 115, be changed to that of J. P. Knott Chapter, No. 115."

Report on Correspondence is by Companion H. A. M. Henderson, and reviews thirty-one Grand Chapters. Connecticut receives a passing notice. Under the head of Missouri he beautifully writes :

"As every masonic idea has its own proper sign that expresses it better than any other can, we should seek to preserve uniformity of language as well as of spirit. We are to teach masonry as we received it, and not as we have forgotten and substituted some words of our own. An interpolated word here and there, by one and another lecturer, would, in the course of time, entirely destroy the original text of masonic instruction.

In the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, we once heard Dr. Breckenridge oppose a revised edition of the Scriptures, issued by the American Bible Society, in which had been eliminated some obsolete words, on the ground that the Bible is the anchorage ground of the English language, which ought to be preserved as far as possible, from eclecticism, in its native Anglo-Saxon simplicity.

This view, with others, prevailed, and the Bible Society had to abandon its action and cease publishing this edition, or lose the patronage of the Presbyterian Church.

Masonry is one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, and the moment we begin to admit words of modern coinage, or of philological construction from foreign tongues, that moment we weigh anchor and set sail on uncertain seas, where a maelstrom may wait to engulf us.

The normal language of masonry is simple, and pure men of correct tastes will admire the sublime simplicity of our ritual much more than when clothed in the meretricious rhetoric of every lecturer who thinks he can beautify it by his own expurgations and substitutions. No license to change should be allowed any one, or we will be at last confounded in a Babel of tongues. We heard of an artist who once took a pure white lily and sought to improve it by penciling on its petals the parti-colored fancies he had mixed on his pallet. He committed floral sacrilege, and violated the first principles of art, which is strict conformity to nature. Paint is good in its place, but not to *improve* flowers. 'Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.' "

M. E. J. P. Rascoe was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Philip Swigert Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Grand Convocation of May 2d, 1871. M.: E.: Stephen J. Young, Grand High Priest.

He decides :

"A companion requests a dimit from a Chapter. He has paid his dues, but refuses to pay a certain sum voluntarily subscribed by him for the benefit of the Chapter, and is accused of dishonesty in various business transactions. Is he entitled to a dimit ?

Ans. He is entitled to a dimit, unless charges are filed against him, and the alleged offences are proved, after due trial.

This is, to say the least, suggestive.

"In this connection, I would suggest that it might be well to make some provision which would enable the members of the Grand Council to retain possession of the insignia of their office during the year, in order that they might appear appropriately clothed in their official visits to subordinate Chapters. This might be accomplished by requiring them to give a bond in a proper sum for the safe restoration of the clothing at the expiration of their term of office."

We also read :

"The *distribution of the ritual*, also, is a matter which is constantly alluded to in this Grand Body and as persistently ignored ; but it is an important question. We require accuracy of all Chapters without distinction, but we take no measure to furnish them with the correct ritual. The evil results of this policy are notorious."

Italics ours.

Distributing—queer word that ; another addition to the vocabulary. Are *bonds* given also for the *honest* "*distribution of the rituals* ?"

An interesting report is made on the subject of "substitutes." The General Grand Chapter has decided that their use is not unmasonic ; and, therefore, much of the learned disquisitions upon this subject becomes useful only as specimens of masonic literary work.

Report on Correspondence is by M.: E.: Josiah H. Drummond. In his usual careful and dignified manner he reviews thirty-seven Grand Chapters. Connecticut for 1870 receives liberal notice.

Upon the subject of High Priesthood he says:

"We think, however, the order originated in January, 1799, at the session of the General Grand Chapter, and that Webb was its author. He was at that session appointed chairman of a committee to report a Constitution, and did so. In that Constitution he gives forms for installing High Priests. After the questions are answered and the installation prayer made, 'All the companions, except High Priests and Past High Priests, are then requested to withdraw, while the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties: and after the performance of other necessary ceremonies, not proper to be written, they are permitted to return.' The Grand High Priest then declares him 'duly installed and *anointed* High Priest.'

That this alluded to the Order of High Priesthood, there can be no doubt. The form for installation follows that of the installation of the Master of a Lodge, and the foregoing proceedings are had *in lieu* of conferring the Past Master's degree. Mark also the force of the word '*anointed*;' this provision remained in the Constitution fifty-four years, till 1853, when the General Grand Chapter decided that the Order is not a necessary part of the installation of a High Priest, and struck out this provision from the Constitution. Any one familiar with Webb's ritual of the Past Master's degree cannot fail to perceive that the author of this Order was familiar with that degree.

Webb was made a mason in 1792, and in 1797 had apparently introduced his work into Temple Chapter at Albany; in the latter part of the year he visited Boston and exemplified his work there, and it was adopted. Dermot's Royal Arch was conferred only on Past Masters: and Webb made that degree a part of the Chapter system, and it was also made a part of the ceremonies of installation of a Master. What more natural, when he came to prepare ceremonies for installation of High Priests, than that he should invent a similar degree for Past High Priest?

From our examination, we have not the slightest doubt that the Order was originally intended to be a part of the ceremonies at the installation of a High Priest. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter so recognized it for more than fifty years. But it frequently happened that it was not practicable to confer it at that time: and in such cases it was conferred at some convenient time afterwards. This happened so frequently that it became a rule. The same thing often happened in regard to the degree of Past Master: it was not practicable for the installing

officer to confer that degree upon the Master elect, and it was deferred to some more convenient time. We have known Masters of Lodges, who were not instructed in that degree till years after they went out of office. We have no doubt that the practice of conferring the Order of High Priesthood *after* installation grew up in the same manner and from the same causes."

In conclusion he says:

"We also see the importance of the cultivation of personal acquaintance and social intercourse among the craft. Brotherly love *on principle*, or as a matter of duty, is not that lively sentiment which creates a strong bond of union. The social element of masonry is one of its most powerful means of creating and keeping alive that affection for each other which is so vital for its genuine prosperity. Our observation during the past year shows that where the social element is best cultivated we find the most union, harmony, and consequently, prosperity. We commend this to the special attention of the Royal Craft."

M.: E.: Stephen J. Young was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion Ira Berry, Grand Secretary,

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation of Michigan was held at Detroit, January 3, A. D., 1872. M.: E.: Hugh McCurdy Grand High Priest.

He thus beautifully discourses:

"In the olden theocratic governments it was wisely taught that man's necessities required not alone fixed periods for rest, but also fixed times for reflection. Animated, then, by the spirit of love and fraternity, and forsaking for a time the cares of daily avocation and the comforts of home, you come up here in a spirit fragrant with the blossoms of love and the flowers of obedience, to give such direction to united labors as will continue to strengthen the bonds and increase the usefulness of our beloved Order. Not in the spirit of the old Egyptian, do you come up to this temple to bow down to the idols of Isis, nor yet like the haughty Roman whose love it was to worship the sceptre of the Cæsars; for you have come imbued with 'faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind'—that you may legislate for our common brotherhood, to

the end that additional strength and vitality may be given to an institution which has accomplished for man more true glory than was ever reflected from Egyptian altar-fires or the halo that sparkled from the jewels of Cæsar's crown. Into your hands, companion legislators, is entrusted the continued welfare of our Order. We have built a gorgeous temple whose foundation, if well guarded, must endure until 'the last syllable of recorded time,' Upon its golden altars let the ruder and darker shades of humanity be mellowed into light, and around the pillars which sustain the edifice let there be engraved, in letters of living fire—This our mission, and this our work—to refine society and cultivate man's moral power—to strengthen our faith in the great law of compensation, giving divinity to hope, and eternity to time. For these splendid results, which the instrumentality of man has brought about, and upon which we may look with such admiring affection, it becomes us always to lay the tribute of our fervent gratitude at the foot of that throne, whose Almighty occupant has nourished our weakness into strength, and rendered harmless the darts of detraction; and let us, with these thank-offering, send up earnest petitions to our good Father, gushing warm from the heart, that His protecting arm may never be withdrawn, but that in his all-wise counsels it may be ordained that our beloved Order shall still advance in its hallowed mission of faith, hope and charity."

Referring to the effect of objection after a candidate has received one or more degrees, he says:

"If he applies for advancement and is refused, he has a masonic right to know what is the cause of the *confusion among the craft*, that he may have a chance to meet the accuser face to face—meet the accusation, and have the judgment of his peers. I must, therefore, decide that when a Companion objects verbally to a brother receiving the Past Master's Degree, being acknowledged a most excellent Master, or being exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, the High Priest shall request the objector to file charges and specifications against the brother; and in case of his neglect or refusal so to do, the High Priest may proceed to confer the Degrees."

All which we cannot approve, holding strictly to the ancient law, that no candidate can receive a degree, without the unanimous consent of all of the brethren present.

E. Companion J. Eastman Johnson presented an excellent Report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-six Grand Chapters, ours included.

He deprecates the system of representation, and says:

"If *any* representative system among our State Grand Chapters *must* be indulged in, let it be a *real* one. Let the Grand Chapters severally, send out *one or more of their own members*, as an embassy to the other Grand Chapters. We would, in such case, entertain those sent us, as we would entertain the son of an Emperor, and have a general good time."

He makes the very common mistake, as to the Brothers Storer.

"The Grand High Priest announces the death in September, 1870, of the venerable Companion Eliphalet G. Storer, for nearly a quarter of a century Grand Secretary of that Grand Chapter, and the reporter on Foreign Correspondence."

This Grand Chapter responded favorably to the request of the General Grand Chapter for contribution.

M.: E.: Leonard H. Randall was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Companion J. Eastman Johnson Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Holly Springs, Jan. 1, A. D., 1872. M.: E.: Charles T. Bond, Grand High Priest.

He nobly says:

"Companions, let us resolve to live for something; thousands of men breathe, move, and live—pass off the stage of life, and are heard of no more. Why? None were blessed by them; none could point to them as the means of their redemption; not a line they wrote, not a word they spoke; their light went out in darkness, and they were remembered no more. Will you thus live and die, O man immortal?"

Companions, let us endeavor to live for something—do good—and leave behind us a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. Let us write our names in kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of those we come in contact with, and we will never be forgotten; good deeds will shine as brightly on the earth and in the hearts of memory as the stars of heaven."

Again :

"I cannot allow the occasion to pass without announcing the gratifying fact of marked improvement in one of the cardinal virtues of our Order—temperance. The united efforts of good and true Companions can and will do much to effect reform in all grades of society, and I sincerely hope that it may ere long be truthfully said that no man who has bowed at the altar of freemasonry, worships at the shrine of Bacchus."

He recommends appointment of representatives to other Grand Bodies.

We regret to see that the report on Correspondence by E. Companion Patten is not published. We presume it was from want of funds, but we doubt if that was the exact point for the exercise of economy. We are sure the report was a good one, and it was a very slight reward for the labor of the distinguished author to dispense with its reading and declare it inexpedient to publish it. We hope for better things next year.

M.: E.: H. C. Robinson was elected Grand High Priest, and E.: J. L. Power Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

This Grand Chapter assembled in Grand Convocation at the City of Lincoln, June 20th, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: E. A. Allen, Grand High Priest.

He speaks thus of uniformity of work :

"At the last session, also, you adopted a 'Uniformity of Work,' which, when thoroughly understood and strictly adhered to by all of the Subordinate Chapters, will, in my judgement, conduce largely to beneficial results, its tendency being to enliven and redouble our interest in the great cause in which we are enlisted ; producing a greater oneness of thought ; bringing us nearer to one another in the bonds of fraternal love ; binding us, as it were, by a four-fold cord, which cannot be easily severed."

The business transacted was purely of a local character.

This Grand Chapter promises well in its sixth year.

The report on Correspondence is by E. Companion R. W. Furnas, reviewing briefly thirty-six Grand Chapters, some of them three years old.

M. E. E. A. Allen was re-elected Grand High Priest; and Companion Furnas, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Annual Convocation at Concord, May 16th, A. D., 1871. M. E. John A. Harris, Grand High Priest.

He well remarks concerning the General Grand Chapter:

"I have no fear that this Grand Chapter will ever, unless compelled so to do to preserve the ancient landmarks of masonry, sever its connection with the General Grand Body, with which it has been in accord for half a century,—a body capable of wielding in the future an influence at home and in foreign lands far more important, proud as is its history, than it has possessed in the past,

It is highly important that opportunity be afforded for intercourse between the several Grand Chapters—for harmonizing differences that may exist—for adjusting questions which may arise, for cultivating and maintaining friendship and intimacy among the Royal Arch Masons of the various portions of our country; and in no other way can these desirable ends be attained so readily, if at all, as by means of the General Grand Chapter.

I have confidence that the General Grand Chapter will be perpetuated, and that it will retain its high position as one of the most influential and important organizations on the globe. I trust such course will be taken as to remove all fears on the part of each and every State Grand Chapter that its powers are ever to be interfered with or any innovations to be made, and that the true masonic spirit may succeed in bringing into harmonious union as a General body all of the Grand Chapters within the United States."

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by Companion Joseph W. Fellows, and reviews thirty-eight Grand Chapters. Connecticut, 1870, receives notice.

Companion Fellows was appointed to his duty in place of the standing committee and had but little time to prepare the report. He manifests great aptness for the work and has performed it well.

M.: E.: John A. Harris was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held September 13th, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: M. Higginbotham, Grand High Priest.

He congratulates the Royal Craft that

"Our prosperity during the past few years has been great, far exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine among those firm, zealous companions who, with never wavering adherence to the great plan of usefulness which they had laid out, through good report and evil report, and in the face of difficulty and opposition that would have deterred men of less firm purpose, first established the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey.

It will, perhaps, surprise many of you to learn that during the past three years the number of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction has almost doubled, and reports of progress, prosperity and stability still continue to greet us from all parts of the State."

He favors the system of representation as follows:

"The system of representation between the Grand Bodies meets with my strongest approval. Much can be done by the judicious selection of representatives in cultivating that fraternal cordiality and masonic courtesy which should characterize the relation between Grand Chapters. And by such a system questions of controversy, which are constantly arising between contiguous jurisdictions, can be more readily set at rest and a harmonious understanding arrived at."

The following truism should be displayed in every Chapter:

"Free Masonry must be taught and explained amply in each degree as candidates proceed, or it will be rare indeed if the initiated ever arrive at a thorough knowledge of the principles of our Order."

New Jersey has adopted the Connecticut plan of apportioning the several Chapters among the Grand Officers for special visitation, and with most satisfactory results.

The plan of having reports on Correspondence printed before the meeting of Grand Chapter was adopted.

This is a good idea and it would be well to make it general. If this were done the Grand Chapters would be able, in a measure, to control the occasional erratic notices of their correspondents.

The following safeguard was adopted :

"No dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be issued until the petitioners therein named shall have procured and be in virtual possession of suitable and safe rooms for the purpose of holding their convocations."

We look forward with interest for the result of the following:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a history of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of New Jersey, to report at the next regular convocation of this Grand Chapter."

We would like to see its chairman, Companion Corson, in the *role* of historian.

Now comes the *heavy* work, a glance at the report on Correspondence by Companion Carson, reviewing thirty-six Grand Chapters, Connecticut included. We say *heavy*, and advisedly. Who can catch the lightning's flash, or paint the lily? Think of 28 pages of proceedings and an "*appendix*" of 144 pages, and such an appendix! We shall be obliged to give it up or copy it entire. Of making statistical tables he says:

"Since our school-boy days we have

Multiplication is vexation.
Division is as bad;
The rule of three doth bother me,
And fractions drive me mad."

Nor can we see any necessity for our doing such work while Drummond, of Maine, and Langridge, of Iowa, are alive. Nobody can equal them in compiling tables, (or in clearing them off, too, at a masonic feast,) and for one we are going to let them do the work, and we will reap the benefit of their labors, always acknowledging our indebtedness to them."

Of your correspondent:

"The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Luke A. Lockwood. Although Companion Lockwood is a 'new hand at the bellows,' he blows well; and he writes like a veteran."

We would add, that having seen the distinguished companion and been welcomed to his "palpitating bosom," his report reads with increased zest and appreciation.

He expends much wrath upon our good Companion Mason, of the District of Columbia, but we are sure he wrote this before he met the companion at Baltimore and forgot all about it on his return, or otherwise much would have been erased.

Under the head of Georgia, referring to a paragraph in the Grand High Priest's address, he most truthfully and well says:

"To us these sentiments seem wrong and unmasonic. Freemasonry never did and never will save the soul of a single sinner. Masonry is not religion, but merely a system of morality. The 'institution' that can 'do more' than freemasonry is the church of the living God. We feel sorry when we hear such untenable claims set up for freemasonry. There is but 'one name' under the heavens whereby men can be saved. An earnest devotion to the teachings of freemasonry, and a zealous compliance with them, will go very far toward leading us to find the true way, but masonry alone can never furnish us with a 'Signet of Truth' which will admit us within the veils of that tabernacle wherein the Shekinah is enthroned. Again, in regard to freemasonry, he speaks of 'the resplendent light of divine inspiration with which God has invested it.' Now we will go as far as any one dare to go in the defense of freemasonry, but we cannot subscribe to such a sentiment. It is the purest system of morality that was ever taught, but it is not 'inspired,'—no more so than any other society, sect or organization which teaches truth, charity and justice. We admire Companion Kellogg's enthusiasm, and we believe him to be perfectly honest, but we think that his zeal has far outrun his knowledge.

We agree with him when he speaks of masonry as the institution 'whereby the soul of man is taught to refine and purify itself for that spiritual house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' Every true mason learns those lessons whereby his soul is rendered fit to receive that higher and holier gift—higher and holier than man can bestow—the saving grace which our Heavenly Father vouchsafes to all who will humbly and penitently receive it."

Referring to the remark of E.: Companion Burnham, of Rhode Island, he says:

"He says of the report of Companion Wm. Storer, of Connecticut, 'we wish we could make such a report. Here, Burnham, let us whisper in your ear—*so do the rest of us wish, but we can't.* So did the frog wish to become an ox, but he didn't make it out. Remember the fate of that frog, my dear boy, and be careful how you blow, lest you blow yourself into a 'bust.' God bless good old Storer, and make his days many in the land of the living. We never saw him, but we love every inch of him, because he has done so much for freemasonry."

We would be glad to clip much more from this excellent report, but we fear producing such a formidable document as now lies before us.

M.: E.: "*Rev.*" Wm. H. Jefferys was elected Grand High Priest. Is not that "*Rev.*" a little too many? John Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 6th, A. D., 1872. M.: E.: Rees G. Williams, Grand High Priest.

He opens his address as follows:

"Protected by the care and blessing of our Father in Heaven, we are assembled after another year's experience to consult together for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, and I extend to you my personal and official greeting. I know that I may rely upon your sympathy when I assure you that on the very threshold of the task I am about to perform, I am

awed by the consciousness that the eminent companions who have performed in other years this very duty before me, are now looking down from their holy places on high to witness our zeal in our work of love, and to beckon us on to constancy and to renewed activity and conseration. Who shall estimate the value they assign to the noble and sacred lessons of our sublime institutions. Companions, shall we not be encouraged by the brightness of their example? Shall we be content with the beautiful ideal of masonry, regardless of its conspicuous living embodiment? Can we lose sight of the fact that to exert its influence over others it must, first of all, gain a complete ascendancy over ourselves? There is untold power in consistency, pre-eminently so in masonry. Nor is there room for doubt, that they so thought, believed and acted, who have finished their earthly course and are in the presence of the Lord Almighty above."

He very truthfully remarks:

"Let it not be forgotten that the companion who devoted his time in acquiring the ritual, is punctual in his attendance upon Chapter meetings and faithfully performs his duty, contributes largely to the advancement and perpetuity of our Order, and finds his chief reward in the augmented membership and general prosperity of his Chapter."

He decides:

"A companion who has been duly elected and installed, and while serving as High Priest, cannot be a petitioner for a dispensation to organize a new Chapter."

We perceive that the Grand Chapter of New York does not confer the Order of High Priesthood, but the officers of the Grand Chapter are the officers who confer the Order.

Companion Joseph White furnishes the report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-six Grand Chapters. It is a business like document, and his comments are brief but to the point. Connecticut receives fraternal notice. Under the head of Louisiana he says:

"Our respected correspondent wishes to know, 'whether the degree of *Past Grand Master* is conferred in Grand Lodge.' We reply, that certain instructions are given a Grand Master elect in this (New York) jurisdiction, by Past Grand Masters, before he assumes the gavel as Grand Master. How is it in Louisiana, companion?"

We are ignorant of any such instruction in Connecticut. Is it an Order of Past Grand Masters? If so, was it *spiritually* communicated by our three ancient Grand Masters? We never heard of their being Past Grand Masters until they were deceased.

We heartily concur in the following:

"A man once a member of the masonic fraternity, is through life a member, unless such membership is forfeited by wilful neglect of masonic duties, or unmasonic conduct whereof he is duly convicted. With these views, we hold that a brother or companion removing from one jurisdiction to another, having paid his dues and taken his dimit in good standing, ought not when seeking admission to membership in his new residence, to be charged with adjoining fees, beyond the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter registry fees, to preserve his identity. He paid for his membership when initiated, and ought not to be chargeable a second time for it. We think all such charges are a violation of equitable masonic principles."

"*Resolved*, That no adjoining fee shall be demanded of any companion when applying for membership, beyond the Grand Chapter registry fees; which registry is necessary to trace his identity."

We regret exceedingly to read the farewell from our venerable Companion White, who has so faithfully and satisfactorily labored in the Reportorial Corps.

"The present report is the sixteenth which we have had the honor to present to this Grand Chapter. We cannot hope to have given satisfaction to all; but we flatter ourselves, from the repeated appointments on the Committee of Correspondence, that our humble efforts have not been wholly without your approbation. We have honestly endeavored to give a plain, but faithful account of the doings of other Grand Chapters of such matters as were of general interest to the Royal Craft, and particularly of such rulings and decisions upon questions of masonic law, as differed from our own. We claim to have acted conscientiously in our labors; and now, having passed the age allotted to man, 'three score years and ten,' we leave the labor of the future to younger and abler hands. Our prayers will henceforth be, as in the past, for the masonic fraternity; in union and harmony, 'now and forever, one and inseparable.'"

M.: E.: Rees G. Williams was re-elected Grand High Priest. The unrivalled Secretary, Companion Christopher G. Fox was also re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, June 5th, A. D., 1871. M.: E.: Companion William Mudock, Grand High Priest.

He opens his brief address as follows:

"I congratulate you on being spared and again permitted to meet around our sacred altar. I trust each of us feels truly grateful to the Great I AM for his unbounded goodness and mercy in conducting us thus far safely over the rugged path of life, and enabling us weary sojourners now to rest and refresh ourselves. Rest for a time from the cares and toils of the busy world, and here around our mystic altar, while refreshing ourselves with fraternal greeting and brotherly love, let us take a retrospective view of the past, and select our designs for the future; and mark well that all is done in accordance with the divine command, and will pass the master overseer's square."

In consequence of a change of time from December to June, these proceedings cover but six months.

The return to allegiance of the General Grand Chapter is the principal act of the convocation.

The report on Correspondence is by M.: E.: Companion John Nichols, and covers the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters. Under the head of Connecticut he speaks feelingly of the retirement of E.: Companion William Storer.

He concludes his interesting report:

"We now bring to a close this, our very imperfect report, prepared as it has been from hours of 'refreshment and sleep,' after the weary days of professional labor; and in presenting it we must crave the indulgence of the corps reportorial, otherwise known as the 'Mutual Admiration Society,' and beg that they do not too harshly judge this, our maiden effort."

M.: E.: John Nichols was elected Grand High Priest, and, we are sorry to note, he was too modest to appoint himself on the Committee of Correspondence. We hope he will return to this field, bearing his blushing honors thick upon him.

E.: Companion Carr was elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The proceedings of two Special Convocations and of the second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the latter held on the 6th of June, A. D. 1871, are again welcomed.

M.: E.: S. R. Sircom, Grand King, acting as Grand High Priest in place of M.: E.: Alex. Keith, Grand High Priest, who was absent, we are sorry to say, undergoing an operation for recovering his sight.

The address is by E.: Companion Sircom, He says:

"I must now direct your attention to the Chapters in Pictou and Yarmouth, which have not yet given their allegiance to this Grand Chapter. I feel some direct steps ought to be taken this session, not necessarily harsh ones, but such as will ensure complete union. I therefore trust that you will give this important subject your careful consideration, and that you will devise some means which will secure that perfect harmony which is so desirable."

We trust these two Chapters have voluntarily given in, ere this, their bounden allegiance.

On the subject of substitutes he says:

"I am inclined to believe the spirit of the law requiring three, and three only, does not forbid, if occasion should require, the making up of that number by those who had actually gone through that ceremony. I therefore trust you will so settle this question that the Subordinate Chapter may be enabled to act for themselves."

The report on Correspondence is by E.: Companion J. Conway Brown, who has since departed this life, lamented by all

who knew him. Companion Brown gave great promise for a brilliant masonic career. Another striking memento of the uncertainty of human life.

He reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters. Connecticut, for some unaccountable reason, not appearing on the list. Under the head of Illinois he jocosely remarks:

"The mode of disseminating the work adopted by Illinois, seemed to the Grand High Priest to require the aid of a 'missionary,' skilled in theology and so forth, to enable the 'Hindoos' to decipher the mysterious characters, and the Grand Chapter concurred. This is the way to secure uniformity."

Referring to the report last year of Companion U. D. Taylor, of Iowa, he says:

"Strikes us that we have seen that name before; cannot remember what was over it; have some recollection of a lame report, badly printed: could not find patience to read it; hope it is not the same man. Look at his initials: U. D.,—rather ominous. Let us be a self-appointed Committee on Dispensations, and endeavor to report as to whether he shall be confirmed or not."

M.: E.: Companion S. R. Sircom was elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

This Grand Chapter convened in its fifty-fifth Annual Convocation at Sandusky, September 26th, A. D. 1871. M.: E.: Charles C. Kieffer, Grand High Priest.

He opens his admirable address thus:

"COMPANIONS—Life, to me, is a very great mystery. The question, 'What is your life?' comes very often, uncalled for, and, on an occasion like the present, the question proves itself through the multitude of thoughts and memories, and clamors for consideration. 'What is your life?' Am I making the best possible use of the opportunities of life as they are presented? Are you meeting the ends of your being, and dis-

charging the high responsibilities resting upon you, in view of the positions you occupy in our Order and in the State? My own mind goes back a quarter of a century and calls up the lessons and teachings of masonry, learned and meditated over in the earlier years of my masonic life; and I ask myself the question, 'How I, in youth, as an Entered Apprentice, industriously occupied my time in the attainment of useful knowledge; and in manhood, am I applying that knowledge in a faithful discharge of the duties which I owe to God, my neighbor and myself?' Are we all so applying these lessons and duties, that we can look forward to the time of age, in the hope of enjoying the happy reflection consequent upon a well spent life, and wait our appointed time, when we shall be like ripe sheaves in the harvest time, gathered into the great garner of eternity."

The following report of Committee on Jurisprudence was agreed to.

"Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, a Master Mason, who has become maimed in person, is not thereby prevented from receiving the degrees conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter."

We are glad to know this, for if we ever visit Ohio again and a Royal Arch Mason without arms shall offer his foot in welcome, we can reciprocate the warm pressure, and safely infer that he has been duly exalted by a Chapter, which is its own and sole judge of the necessary physical qualification of its candidates. Again, how deeply we all must sympathize with *leg-less, weary sojourners*. Do they *wade* streams or pass bridges in Ohio? The idea of the lame, the halt and the blind re-building the House of the Lord! It might be consistent, for they ought to be willing to work without the hope of fee or reward. Please reconsider. The subject grows, but lost legs, hands, arms and feet will not.

The report on Correspondence is by E. Companion J. Kelly O'Neal, and reviews in an able manner twenty-two Grand Chapters.

He thinks our requiring a fee for special dispensation "a pretty efficient mode of avoiding dispensations." So do we.

We seldom notice compliments, but we must thank our companion for the following, the highest that could be paid us.

"Companion Luke A. Lockwood submitted a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters—ample material, and, in this case, well worked up; and we are happy to note that the prince of reporters, our venerable Companion Storer, has found so worthy a successor."

He says, also:

"We were at loss to know Companion Lockwood's meaning when he calls the District of Columbia reviewer 'our ex-Companion;' but turning to his notice of Ohio, we find that he had been 'puzzled at the words 'ex-Deputy G. H. P.' as attached to the name of our Deputy G. H. Priest, and had deciphered the 'ex' 'to mean *excellent*.' So we use his discovery of the meaning of a departure of our Grand Secretary from the usual abbreviation, to explain the same anomaly in his own report, and read it '*excellent*.'"

The "Ex." for excellent in our report was the printer's error. We cannot see how the use of the "Ex" can be a *departure* of the Grand Secretary, for if it was he has not yet *returned*, because we find this "Ex" abounding throughout this year's proceedings.

M.: E.: Reuben C. Leman was elected Grand High Priest; and E.: Companion James Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Annual Convocation held at Salem, June 16th, A. D. 1871.
M.: E.: James R. Bayley, Grand High Priest.

He opens his address as follows:

"The work of another masonic year has closed, the sound of the gavel in the East calls us together again.

How rapid is the flight of time, and yet how momentous its workings. The work of the past is sealed and carried up to be reviewed by the Grand Overseer, and is by him to be approved or condemned, and from his decision there can be no appeal. How important then, that all our works be good and true."

The report on Correspondence is by Companion T. McF. Patton, occupying about 100 pages, reviewing thirty-three Grand Chapters, Connecticut included.

He criticizes the installation of officers of a Chapter U. D. and cites several authorities against the practice. We all agree with him, and when he sees our last year's report we have no doubt he will be satisfied.

He refers approvingly to our system of assigning the Chapters to the four principal officers.

Under the head of Kansas, he says one of its standing regulations is—"adopting the 'Guide to the Chapter,' by *Shertle* & Gould, as their standard manual." Italics ours. Companion Sherville would hardly recognize himself as *Shertle*. This is too bad when Companion Patton takes so many of us to the task for misspelling his Grand High Priest's name. But what is in a name?

The following reads queerly in view of what is now history.

"From the opinions expressed in the various reports on Correspondence and Grand High Priests' addresses, we learn that this General Grand Body is liable to be dissolved. Your committee dislike very much to express an opinion either for or against an institution when we know so little about it. This may appear to many as a case of wilful ignorance, but we will venture the assertion that not one in twenty in this jurisdiction has ever seen or read a word emanating from this distinguished body, published by themselves. Their light has never reached this far off land—their whole energies appear to have been expended on those who have exhibited symptoms of uneasiness and expressed a desire to be released; or, in other words, have shown a disposition to *secede*. During the eleven years of our existence as a Grand Chapter we have been treated with indifference. What information we have acquired concerning their acts has been from outside sources and not from any of their authenticated proceedings.

In view of this cold treatment on the part of those distinguished companions towards us, our love for this General Grand Body has grown correspondingly cold, and judging the future by the past, we are inclined to the opinion that it does not require our sympathy or co-operation in any way or manner."

He concludes as follows :

"It is a new business to us ; not being professional reporters, doctors, lawyers or editors. We have performed the labor without experience, and we think by the time we read the reviews of our several correspondents on this report, we will have a more comprehensive view of the situation. If we get elected by the 'Mutual Admirationists'—we do not expect to make the raffle with the ease and elegance which characterized the admission of Companion Isaacs, of Virginia—we expect not only a black eye, but a bruised head ; and in anticipation of this have secured the professional services of Companion Corson, as chief of our medical staff, who, with his tonics, plasters and poetry, will soon restore us to health and happiness."

Notwithstanding which, for his ("modesty bespeaks his merit,") this is a most capital report ; and if so excellent in the blossom, what will it be in the ear ?

M.: E.: James R. Bayley was re-elected Grand High Priest ; and Companion R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

Annual Convocation November 8th, A. D. 1871, at Nashville. M.: E.: William H. Armstrong, Grand High Priest.

He speaks thus of a certain class of persons who, we are happy to say, are growing scarce.

"We find self-opinioned, ignorant men, everywhere, in church, in state and in masonry, exhibiting the same characteristics. They oppose every object that calls for a united effort. They are willing to see the beautiful ceremonies of our noble craft made ridiculous, if by that means a few more ignorant than themselves may consider *them* wise. They oppose the publication of masonic books, periodicals, newspaper articles, or anything that would throw a ray of light, and if in your counsels their advice is not followed, they become greatly incensed."

A uniform code of By-Laws was adopted, which is a model of brevity, covering about one page of printed matter and yet embracing all that is desirable or necessary.

Companion Geo. S. Blackie presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing "all the Grand Chapters in the world," forty-one. It puzzles us to guess how Companion Blackie gets so much ahead of all of the reportorial staff. Is there any "underground railway" between Tennessee and the rest of creation? This report does honor to the Royal Craft. We would like to copy largely, but must forbear, as we intend to run the risk of copying the following most interesting matter under the head of Scotland.

MASONIC CONFERENCE.

A conference of delegates from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Chapter of Scotland, the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England on the subject of the position of the Mark Degree in England, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 3d of April, 1871. Brother Earl Percy, M. P. and Deputy Grand Master of England was in the chair. Scotland was represented by Brothers Hay and Kerr, of the Grand Lodge, and Companions Mann, Mackersy and Entwisle, of the Supreme Chapter, and the Grand Mark Lodge by Brothers Portal and Binckes. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was not at first represented, but afterwards Brother Burdett appeared, though not as a delegate. Brother Binckes stated the object of the conference to be the bringing about an understanding with the Grand Bodies of Scotland and Ireland by which the Grand Mark Lodge should be recognized as the Conservator of the Mark Degree in England, but the Grand Master of England had declined to send any representative, on the plea that the Mark Degree is not recognized by the Grand Lodge or Chapter of England, and all he could do was to wish them well as Master Masons. The Grand Master of Ireland stated that in Ireland the Mark degree is worked under the exclusive control of the Grand Chapter, and all the degrees in Ireland, from the 1st to the 33d, work harmoniously together and in unison, and he could see no reason why the Mark Degree should not be worked as in Ireland, and thought the proper step to be taken was to get the Grand Lodge of England to recognize the governing bodies other than the Grand Chapter. He had asked Brother Burdett to be present, but not in any way to commit the Grand Chapter. Brother Mackersy, of Scotland, opened the debate. Some of his statements are of great interest. In England, the Royal Arch Degree follows immediately the Mark Master, but in Ireland, America, Canada and Scotland, the rite is very similar. As a consequence, when companions of Ireland, Canada or America visit Scotland, they can be present during all the ceremonies, but English companions must be excluded during a great part of them, disagreeable

to the hospitable Scotch, but more so, we should think, to English. He deemed it of importance that, at least, the British Islands should have uniform work, and hoped this conference might lead to such a happy result. It seems that in the year 1856, a Subordinate Chapter of Scotland, Bon-accord in Aberdeen, had taken of itself the right to grant a Charter to a number of English brethren, who had been in Scotland and were much struck with the beauty of the Mark Degree, and that they had with this authority opened and worked a Mark Lodge in London. The natural result of this was, of course, the death of Bon-accord Chapter, and the suspension of its officers. But the mischief was done, and the Grand Chapter could not get back the illegal charter. It was worked under in England, and at last Grand Chapter allowed itself to be led into the doubtful position of yielding to the entreaties of the English brethren and granting them a legal charter. In consequence of the first action, other warrants were granted in the territory, and this went on for a year or two, but then the English brethren started a Grand Mark Lodge of their own, and the Mark Degree came to have two growing heads in England. There seems some little mystery as to how this Grand Mark Lodge was formed, but Brother Mackersy called attention to a curious fragment of history in this connection. For a long time certain old operative Lodges in Scotland had been in the practice of working the Mark Degree, but in the Speculative Lodges the degree had never been worked. So little was generally known of the existence of the Mark as a Craft degree, that in Glasgow an operative Lodge, in the year 1860, had conferred it under St. John's charter, and this coming to the knowledge of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was regarded as an irregularity, and the St. John's Lodge was suspended. They made a bold appeal to the Grand Lodge, admitting they had worked the degree, and said: "We have worked nothing more than we were entitled to do, as a part of Ancient Masonry, and have not introduced a new degree, because the Mark degree is not a new degree; it is the completing part of the second degree." This came before the Grand Lodge, the Lodge produced all its evidence, and the result was that the Grand Lodge was compelled to admit that the Mark degree, as practiced by them, was, in point of fact, a part of the Fellow-craft degree, and was not a separate degree at all. Thus it became apparent that two jurisdictions in Scotland claimed to superintend this degree; and it became necessary for an agreement to be made between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter on the subject. The result of this was that they stated that the Mark degree was wrought by operative St. John's Masons before the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; that since then it had been almost entirely abandoned by the Lodges, and the Grand Chapter had assumed its management. But now they enacted and declared that all Lodges holding of Scotland had the right to work the Mark under their present charters; but that, to

prevent confusion, this degree, although held by the Grand Lodge to be a second part of the Fellow Craft degree, should only be conferred on Master Masons, and only in presence of those who had received the degree in a Lodge or Chapter; that the same ritual should be used in both bodies; that any candidate for the Royal Arch, who was already a Mark Master of a St. John's Lodge, should not be required to take the degree in the Chapter; that in the Chapter it should be reckoned as the fourth degree in masonry, and these rules should not interfere with the superintendence the Grand Chapter held over Mark Masonry out of Scotland, or with Lodges holding of it in England. This agreement made Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter one on the subject. When the Grand Mark Lodge was organized in England, the Scotch had no hostility to it, and indeed would have preferred to have the degree of Mark Master Mason recognized by the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, in which event they would have withdrawn all their warrants, and ceased from granting more to Mark Lodges in that country. But until this was done, they would not take the initiative in recognizing the Mark Masters Grand Lodge. This was in 1864. The reply of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1865, was substantially that they recognized but four masonic degrees, and did not acknowledge the Mark as pure masonry, nor the pretensions of the body calling itself the Grand Mark Lodge, etc. The Grand Chapter of England said the same thing, *nominis mutandis*. In consequence, the Grand Chapter of Scotland declined to recognize the Grand Mark Master's Lodge. The matter came up again in 1870, and was decided as we have told in our notice of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, in this report. He believed the proper course was to lay before the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England the reasons which induced the Grand Lodge of Scotland to admit that the Mark is a part and portion of the Fellow Craft degree, and lay a report of all their proceedings before the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Ireland. If these Grand Bodies take the same view that was taken in Scotland, all difficulties are forever removed, because if this degree is taken up by St. John's Masonry, then the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Scotland will be in a position to make a proper arrangement. But should the Grand Bodies of England decide that they never would recognize the Mark degree in all time coming, then he thought the day would not be far distant when Scotland and Ireland might recognize the Mark Grand Lodge. He wished first to try England, and if she recognized the Mark degree, the work was done. If not, then Scotland was at liberty to co-operate with Ireland, and he thought there was no doubt what they would do. The discussion is then continued at great length. We cannot epitomize it all, but some points are of such interest that we are constrained to put them entire before the companions of Tennessee. At one time in this discussion, Brother Kerr, the present historian of the Grand Lodge, says:

"It was stated that the Lodge of Glasgow, St. John, had conferred the Degree of Mark Master, as a section of the Second degree, in a regular working Lodge. This was called in question and disposed of in the way which has been stated by Bro. Mackersy, because it was in accordance with their ancient working, and the Supreme Chapter of Scotland arranged to have all the candidates for the Royal Arch degree initiated as Mark Masters before they took that degree. Previous to coming to a decision on the subject, the Grand Lodge of Scotland appointed a Committee of Investigation, who conferred with the Lodge of St. John, which is No. 3 *bis* on the Roll of Grand Lodge. This Lodge holds a charter from Malcolm Canmore, against which some objections have been stated; but they have another from William the Lion, which is indisputable, dated 1174. They also state that as representing the ancient builders of Glasgow Cathedral, they only now practice the traditional Masonry received at that early period; and on consulting their oldest members, they found that the ritual which they were practicing in 1860, was stated to be exactly the same as those old men, seventy or eighty years ago, had practiced when young. This statement was confirmed by their books, which were brought forward. It was then shown from various sources that some of the old Lodges in Scotland had existed from a very early period—for example, the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, Mary's Chapel—went so far back in her history as to say that the Lodge was originally brought to this country by David the First, and as a traveling Lodge erected the Chapel of Holyrood in 1128; also Melrose Abbey, and various other buildings, and came back and settled in Edinburgh. They were a Lodge of operative Mrsons, and continued so until the last century. From this body rose the Incorporation of Masons. They had greater powers by their Charter of Incorporation than as a Lodge, none else being allowed to do Mason's work within Burgh. It was also found that in the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary Chapel, the members signed the books with their marks. 'At a Conference or Grand Lodge held in Holyrood Palace in 1598,' it was ordained: 'That no Master or Fellow Craft be received or admitted without the number of six Masters and two entered Apprentices, the Warden of that Lodge being one of the said six, and that the day of the receiving of the said Fellow Craft or Master be orderly *buikit* (booked), and his name and mark inserted in the same book.'

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From the unwillingness of members of the Old Lodges to commit any thing to writing it is difficult to find direct evidence. However, under date 1559, on the sill of one of the windows of the choir of Glasgow Cathedral we find the square and compass engraved: the All-seeing Eye above; the ladder with three steps; the sun, moon and stars; and a finger pointing to the three steps. In those times when the secrets of the Craft were very much looked to and preserved with jealous care, you can-

not expect very much explanation of the system then practised ; but you can see by those symbols that at that time Speculative Masonry did exist. There are also Lodges which state distinctly that they follow out those signs and symbols which had been transmitted to them from time immemorial. In the year 1707 a Lodge of operative Masons, styled the Edinburgh Journeymen Masons, to which I belong, separated from the parent stock Mary's Chapel. They had a dispute about a Benevolent Fund, and the matter came before the Supreme Courts. By that proceeding we have it recorded that the Lodge made Entered Apprentices, and Fellow Crafts ; but I believe no other Degree of Masonry except the Mark Master, who was Master of the Lodge. In the judgment which was given by the Supreme Courts they not only gave power for this Lodge Journeymen to exist, but to give the Masonic word and receive dues therefor, but also to sue the Lodge St. Mary's Chapel for such further portion of Masonry which they were not then possessed of. Twenty years after, it is recorded that the Lodge Journeymen received the third degree from the parent Lodge.

Bro. Binckes : Then, you say the Overseer was the Chief Officer ?

Bro. Kerr : Yes : because a large portion of the Lodges were Fellow Craft Lodges.

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Bro. Portal : On whom was the Master's Degree conferred ?

Bro. Kerr : Upon men who designed and planned work for those employed under them to execute. These were men of intelligence, who instructed others through symbolical teaching and otherwise. The Subordinate Lodges were composed of workmen who were taught in the Lodges. Yet Masters may even be reduced from that position to a Fellow Craft. In the Regulations referred to as having been adopted at the Meeting in Holyrood Palace, in 1598, it is stated ; "That all Masters undertaking work be very careful to see their scaffolds and footgangs securely set and placed, to the effect that through their negligence and sloth no hurt or injury come to any person employed at the work, under the pain of discharging them, thereafter to work as Masters having charge of work ; but shall ever be subject, all the rest of their days, to work under or with another principal Master having charge of the work."

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Bro. Kerr : These rules of 1598 were promulgated during the time the head of the Rosslyn family was Hereditary Grand Master Mason. Copies of the rules were sent to the Lodge at Aitcheson's Haven, and they are now preserved there. I need not show further that the Grand Lodge of Scotland investigated this subject very fully. The greatest difficulty arose in getting written evidence ; because from the strictness of the obli-

gation even in the old minute books there is very little information concerning Masonry to be got. There is, indeed, little in them beyond the names of those who were present at the meetings, and the amount of money received. As to marks being used at an early period, you have doubtless at the present day the traditional practice among Operative Masons of using them on implements, tools, chisels, and in many cases upon the stones they work. Some Operative Lodges took Apprentices bound to the Lodges up to about the year 1780, and these young lads while out with a Fellow Craft or Journeyman, working along with him, used a Mark, called a blind Mark, frequently placed in connection with the regular Mark of the Fellow Craft. There was also the Official Mark or equilateral triangle. In Rosslyn Chapel upon four ruined altars that were dedicated to the four Evangelists every stone was marked with an equilateral triangle. So far we show their early use from ancient customs, and the existing Marks on buildings and the continuation of the practice both by Operative Masons and existing Operative Lodges. In many of the old minute books the name is not only signed, but the Mark is put behind it, in some places before. In the ritual practiced, even in the oldest forms you have of it, it is stated that the stones were hewn at a distance, marked and numbered; but there is nothing whatever in the instruction now given that describes the manner of marking or anything else relating to it, but in the Mark Ritual the whole is fully described and it is shown that each individual has a Mark, the Apprentice and F. C. Looking to the Lodge, you have the Junior Warden telling you that his duty is to mark the time, in other words he takes account of the time. The S. W. tells you that he has to pay all the wages; he is paymaster. This has reference to something that must have been done, some work that has been performed. What are you to pay for? What amount are you to pay? Yet you are brought into a chamber to receive wages. You have an indication of something that is incomplete in the Second Degree. Whereas in the Mark Ritual you are told that the Overseer or Foreman must examine the work done. He then records the amount of work that has been sent forward to the building, properly marked, which he states opposite the corresponding mark in his book. And when the workman comes forward to receive the wages, you have the treasurer called upon to pay the amount due as entered against those marks. I mention this to show that the reference made in the two first Degrees is to something without which they are not complete, and that the section of the Fellow Craft Degree, now called the Mark Master Degree, supplies what is required. It is not a separate Degree, but a superior or closing section of the F. C. Degree. It is to be remembered that a foreman is a F. C. He may be a foreman to-day. The Master may say at the end of the day, I have no further employment for you in that capacity, but if you like to work for me as a F. C. for two or three days I will gladly give you work until you find employment as a Foreman or Overseer. In a Mark Lodge

the office bearers are only Overseers, styled Junior, Senior, and Master Overseers—showing clearly that they are in charge for a superior authority. These Overseers not only directed the workmen, but gave an account of the time employed, and received plans and instructions from the Master, to be communicated to the workmen, whether relating to plain or more intricate portions of the work. Passing onward, we have the third Degree in two parts. The first introductory, and the latter containing a Legend, where a reference is made to a superior order of Fellow Crafts who bore rule over the others, having conspired together. In the present course of instruction, there is only one order of Fellow Crafts recognized. Yet reference is distinctly made to a superior order which can only be reconciled by referring to the teaching given in the Mark Ritual. There is a very general idea, I am sorry to say, that the third Degree is a very modern invention, while it is the best authenticated portion of the three Degrees. It is simply an astronomical problem showing the state of the heavens at the time the foundation stone of the Temple of Solomon was laid. We have notes of it in Scotland. I recollect seeing it worked out upon two large terrestrial and celestial globes by an eminent astronomer. The globes were properly rectified and the state of the heavens minutely noted. The signs and words of the Degree were obtained, and the reason of the implements being used in the Legend of the third Degree, also the name being thrice repeated—why the ear of corn and the waterfall are depicted, and the directions in which the procession moves. It has proved itself to be one of the best authenticated of the three degrees. The astronomer asked whether I would mind leaving the notes with him. I did so, and he afterwards informed me that he went over the whole with a very learned professor, who expressed his opinion that it was evidently a very ancient system of some kind or other. He did not care whether it was Masonry or what it was; it appeared to be of undoubted antiquity.

Bro. Mackersy: Were these gentlemen Masons?

Bro. Kerr: No; I may mention that what I have stated, as a short summary, occupied many long meetings of the Committee of Grand Lodge, when they were considering whether they should recognize the Mark Degree as a part of the Fellow Craft. They investigated the subject very fully. The then Deputy Grand Master, Brother Whyte Melville, also made inquiry and found the marks to have been used in the older Lodges, as already stated. Afterwards the late Dr. Walker Arnott, who was very much opposed to Grand Lodge taking up the matter made the same inquiry, and the evidence he collected was corroborative. He intimated to Grand Lodge that Mark Masonry must have been a portion of the Old Masonic system. That body then directed their Committee with the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter to prepare a ritual. The only difference being that the old Lodges speak of a square stone, and the Royal Arch of a keystone."

We must stop now.

M.: E.: A. J. Wheeler was elected Grand High Priest; Companion John Frizzle, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Houston, June 12th, A. D. 1871. M.: E.: S. S. Munger, Grand High Priest.

He opens:

"COMPANIONS:—Time, swifter than the eagle's flight, has sped us through another year; and now, at the appointed time, we again convene around our sacred altar, to legislate for the welfare of our time-honored institution. How many of our companions have been summoned from their earthly tabernacles, during the past year, by the Grand High Priest of the Universe, we cannot say; but we can this day render the grateful homage of our hearts to the great I AM, for his kind protection and persevering care, in permitting so many of us to again assemble in our beautiful Temple and exchange our hearty congratulations. May our Convocation be pleasant and harmonious, and our labors redound to the good of our Order.

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"Two brethren have received all the degrees except the Royal Arch. There were three protests filed against each of them. Are they thus stopped, or are they entitled to an investigation of the reasons on which the protests have been filed?

Answer.—A protest has the same effect as a black ball, until withdrawn by the companion presenting it, and more than one is equivalent to more than one black ball. It would not be any more allowable to investigate the cause of the protest than it would the black ball."

We think *protest* is a word unknown to masonry. It does well enough in connection with commercial paper and losses at sea. Objection *after a degree conferred* is an objection to *advancement*; and then, why not let the ballot be spread and the matter settled? A black ball against a candidate for advancement, in absence of positive legislation, operates only for the convocation at which it is deposited.

We clip the following from the Grand Lecturer's report :

"*Tyler, No. 24.*—This Chapter has a splendid membership. In the main, the companions are intelligent and elegant gentlemen, but certainly they do not conform to the work of this Grand Body. They are considered in all that country very bright; and so they are in a work, but not in '*our* work.' They receive and welcome your Grand Visitor in a style becoming gentlemen, but decline to hear him lecture as a teacher of the true ritual. I cherish them with precious memory, as clever gentlemen and social companions; but I am persuaded that they ought to practice our *own* pure ritual or else return their warrant."

All Grand Lecturers will sympathize.

This Grand Chapter has a Grand Orator, W. Carey Crane, and he delivered an excellent oration, which is published in the proceedings.

Royal Arch Masonry seems to be flourishing in this far distant state. Can we not prevail upon our companions of Texas to give us a report on Correspondence?

M.: E.: J. B. Jones was elected Grand High Priest; E.: Companion Robert Brewster is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

This Grand Chapter convened in Burlington June 16, A. D. 1871. M.: E.: E. A. Jewett, Grand High Priest.

On the subject of special dispensations, he says :

"I have received during the recess of the Grand Chapter, two applications for permission to confer degrees, without the delay required by the General Regulations. Believing that such privileges should be used with great caution, I declined to give the desired permission. Another has well said, 'Masonry seeks no man, but quietly waits to be sought; and he who desires to enjoy the rights, privileges, and benefits of Free Masonry, must abide Masonry's own time to confer those rights, privileges, and benefits upon him.'"

He speaks eloquently for the continuance of the General Grand Chapter. We would quote, but this venerable body

being a *fixed fact*, the subject ceases to be of interest. He concludes with this manly language :

"I very much regret that we took a position, which, in my humble judgment, we cannot with right maintain ; and my strong desire now is, that we do, at this Convocation place ourselves right in this matter, and never again, through prejudice or other improper motive, swerve from our bounden duty.

I would therefore earnestly recommend that we rescind the action taken by this Grand Body in 1860, in relation to the General Grand Chapter, and send our Representatives to the triennial Convocation of that Body in September next."

The Report on Correspondence is by E Companion Squire Marcy, reviewing thirty-six Grand Chapters, Connecticut, 1869, included. Is it not strange that it required over two years for our report to reach Vermont? The mails must have been frozen up. The report must read like an old almanac.

M.: E.: E. A. Jewett was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia convened at Richmond, December 13, 1871. M.: E.: John P. Little, Grand High Priest. He says:

"During the past twenty years there has been a wonderful revival of Royal Arch Masonry in Virginia. At the beginning of this period, the knowledge of these beautiful degrees was concentrated in a few places and only possessed by a few persons. I could readily name the half dozen Masons in our jurisdiction who alone thoroughly possessed this knowledge, while now they may be counted by the hundred. Let this improvement continue ; let the Light shine forth. By having the work illustrated at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, and by having a Grand Lecturer actively employed throughout our jurisdiction, we can soon have every Chapter well instructed, and a uniform system of perfect work prevailing within our limits."

It is pleasant to read this,

"The most interesting event that has occurred during my term of office, has been the establishment of a Grand Chapter for West Virginia. Permission had been granted at our last Annual Convocation to organize such a Grand Chapter, and on November 16, 1871, delegates met in Wheeling representing five out of the seven Chapters within the limits of that State, formed a Convention, and elected officers for such a Grand Chapter. I was present by invitation, and, as Grand High Priest of Virginia, organized that Grand Chapter, and installed its officers. From the zeal displayed, and the spirit manifested by all the Companions, as well as from the high character of the worthy officers elected, I am well assured that this Grand Body will be an honor and a benefit to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry."

We are in a great mist in respect to the following:

"I find in our border Chapters some confusion, arising from visiting Companions who have not taken the Council degrees at all, or who have taken them in separate Councils not acknowledging Chapter authority. If they have never taken them at all, they cannot be present during all of our Chapter work. Our laws would forbid this. If they have taken them in distinct Councils, their own laws forbid them to sit with us when working in the Council degrees. I would recommend that this matter be brought to the attention of the various Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in this country, and that a committee be appointed for this purpose in order that we may all possess uniformity in Chapter work."

Again:

"With regard to these Chapter degrees, as compared with more Ancient Craft Masonry, we may say that they are not higher degrees, but merely later ones. The five degrees subordinate to the Royal Arch, including the two Council ones, are beautiful and necessary exemplifications of the first three degrees—a rich and copious commentary on a noble text. Or, to carry out the Masonic idea, they are the outer courts and posterns of the glorious Temple erected by Solomon, while the Royal Arch is a degree apart and complete—the end and finish of Masonic knowledge; in a word, the great Fourth Degree, which fills up the square of perfect Masonry; where the lost is found, and the true end attained; and without a knowledge of which, the Masonic character can never be entirely complete."

It is a fact that the Council degrees are conferred in the Chapters, and regarded as necessary before receiving the Royal Arch, making it the *ninth* instead of the *seventh* degree. And the Committee to whom the subject was referred reported—

“In reference to the Council Degrees, we believe nothing can be done by us which has not already been, by resolution of the Grand Chapter in past days, and therefore can make no recommendation upon the subject. The attention of different Grand Chapters has been, in past times, called to this matter, and they have refused to take any action therein, and we believe that nothing would be gained by correspondence with them.”

Is not this another instance of the eleven obstinate jurymen who would not agree with the twelfth. Companions please convert all the other Grand Chapters soon or be yourselves converted.

We observe several of the Grand officers were *sworn in by proxy*. Do these officers give powers of Attorney for the performance of official duties?

We beg pardon for again clipping:

“At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, met in Grand Committee, on Friday morning, being the 15th day of December, A. L. 5871, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401.

Present, M.: E.: B. M. Harris, No. 3, Chairman:”

We hope to get this attention of our Virginia Companions to the oddity of this (Masonic *Committee of the whole*), and suggest that this is another instance of the eleven obstinate jurymen. We congratulate E.: Companion Harris on his having “Chairman,” and “E.: John Dove,” on his being “Clerk of a Masonic Body.” We regret that Companion W. B. Isaacs was unable to furnish us his report on correspondence.

M.: E.: Robert E. Withers is G. H. P., and E.: Companion, John Dove, *Clerk* (beg pardon), Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter convened at Milwaukee, on the 16th of January, A. D. 1872. M.: E.: Joseph Yates, Grand High Priest.

He strongly deprecates what our Oregon companion calls the "Hardware Trade" in masonry.

The special committee on Grand High Priest's address, submitted the following sensible recommendation :

"That so much thereof as relates to deceased companions be referred to a special committee; and that we recommend such committee *to revise the standing obituaries*, and speak of the subject in a manner that shall be profitable to the *living*—the *dead* being beyond our reach."

Our old friend, E.: Companion J. P. C. Cottrill, to our great surprise, presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-six Grand Chapters—Connecticut receiving full share of attention.

We dissent from a portion of the following :

"A Royal Arch Mason may affiliate anywhere in the Grand Jurisdiction in which he resides. He is a member of the Royal Craft at large, and may choose his masonic home. Yet, even he cannot affiliate in another state; and much less should a profane go to another jurisdiction and be made there."

And we hold that he can affiliate anywhere he chooses.
Under heading of Connecticut he says :

"Very little business was done at this convocation; a sure indication of the sound health of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. No legislation of moment necessary, nothing for the Committee on Grievances to consider; happy and prosperous Connecticut—not even [a nutmeg to crack, that is, that needs cracking."

We do not crack nutmegs in Connecticut, but grate them. Remember the old toast, "Connecticut, the nutmeg state, where will you find a gr(e)ater?"

He cites our argument last year in favor of substitutes *against* their use, and adds:

"True, Companion Lockwood, let us have the weary sojourners and *three* of them, not one or two, and then we have the rule of our Constitution following every Royal Arch Mason's O. B. as to no more nor less than three."

Now, Companion Cottrill, in reply we will simply remark that if there are not *three weary* sojourners, even when you employ substitutes, it is your own fault. We never heard that the journey was any more easily made because the traveler had been over the road before.

However, he talks like a lawyer; and in this instance, strange to say, "without the hope of fee or reward."

In speaking of Kentucky, he *very justly* remarks:

"The returns show two hundred and thirty-four ministers as Royal Arch Masons in this state, the only class mentioned as a class, which apparently is rather hard on the doctors and lawyers; but the doctors doubtless made themselves felt, if they didn't make themselves heard, and lawyers as *usual* kept silent."

But the printer doubtless omitted the words "*when asleep*" at the close of the paragraph.

In referring to the action of Ohio, as to physical qualification, he says:

"If this action allows a Master Mason to receive the Chapter degrees, who has lost an arm, leg, hand or foot, we say no to it, most unequivocally; and if it don't mean that, we don't know what it does mean. The prohibition is repealed—the whole matter left to every Chapter for decision, and thus the landmark is legislated away. We cannot approve."

We emphatically concur with this.

Just as we expected, here comes the apology.

"We have nowhere hesitated to express our opinions, believing that to be a part of our duty—saying nothing of our privilege. In so doing, we have endeavored to express them in a kindly and fraternal spirit, and

actuated only by a desire to do ample and exact justice at all times and to all our companions. And to our brethren of the quill, we can only repeat the same remark.

The masonic writers of the country are men of high ability, and thorough masonic culture. Acknowledging this, it may be thought as to this report that the truth of maxim yet remains, 'that fools rush in where angels fear to tread.' But the duty assigned to us, we have performed as best we could. Our only regret is that the busy cares of a laborious profession have prevented us from giving to this report that uninterrupted labor and study that the subject deserves, and have compelled us to write it, as it were, in fragments, without the possibility of preserving the consecutive thought and continued application, that ought always to be given to matters so important."

We refer to our remark under heading Florida.

Companion Cottrill, your apology is accepted; write as good a report next year, and you can do it if you will omit all apology.

M.: E.: C. F. G. Collins is Grand High Priest, E.: Companions W. T. Palmer is Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The Twenty-First Triennial Convocation was held at Baltimore, September 19, A. D., 1871. James M. Austin, G.: G.: H.: P.:.

His address is worthy of the high Official position he held in the Royal Craft, and is a specimen of work of which no man needeth to be ashamed.

We quote his fraternal greeting: .

"MOST EXCELLENT AND RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANIONS;—At the close of another triennial period in the history of this venerable body—a period which I may be allowed to remark has been fraught with more encouraging circumstances, having in view its future stability and prosperity, than any other similar time—I offer you my personal and official greeting, and feel that I am but expressing your sentiments when I say, that our most devout acknowledgments and thanks are due to the Father of all mercies, not only for the protection afforded to our labors, but that on this occasion so many of us are spared to unit in the duties of this

convocation. I greet and welcome you, coming from every part of the broad domain of our common country, to this beautiful city, once the home of the devoted and lamented Gilman, and express the hope that his spirit and the interests committed to our care, may preside during our meeting, and incite us to labor, that out of our deliberations may come a determination to make deeper and broader our foundations, and so correct the lines of our building that generations yet to come may admire its symmetry, and be encouraged in their efforts for its perpetuation. I greet you as the representatives not only of the Royal Craft, but as having in charge the honor and continuance of its national organization; as bound by the very fact of your appointment and presence here, to rightly appreciate the value of that organization, and to devote your efforts to such measures as may tend to increase its influence as one of the leading Masonic powers in the world, around which are grouped the various organizations under your immediate direction, and to which they look for such guidance as may best tend to make their zeal effective, and promote and magnify the character of Royal Arch Masonry."

We quote his unanswerable logic upon this question,

"Is the General Grand Chapter, to which we owe allegiance in existence, and has it had a legal existence since 1865?' The question was prompted by the supposition that the Convocation of this body, held on the 7th of September, 1865, was a 'Special Convocation,' and that there was no authority to act upon the amendments then adopted, and under which new provisions all subsequent convocations have been held. This supposition was strengthened by the fact, that our Grand Secretary, in the printed Proceedings, had erroneously styled the Convocation of the 7th of September, 1865, a 'Speoial Convocation.'"

"My decision was, that said Convocation of the 7th of September, 1865, was *not* a 'Special Convocation'; but that it was the Triennial Convocation, which would have been held at Memphis in 1862, had not the late war intervened to prevent, and which Convocation was, in accordance with Art 1, Section 1, of the General Grand Constitution, *postponed* by the General Grand High Priest to a '*subsequent time*,' and that therefore it was a '*regular*' Convocation, and that it was perfectly legitimate to act upon the proposed amendments to the Constitution. And further, that the present legal existence of the General Grand Chapter could be maintained upon general principles; for, 1st, the very fact of an organized existence carries with it the right of continuance, and the power to do such acts as may be required to maintain such existence. 2d, That the change of time and place for the meeting of 1862 was under stress of circumstances, for which the General Grand Chapter was in no wise responsible, which it could not foersee, and had no power to prevent. It being

an utter impossibility for the body to meet at Memphis at the time appointed, it was clearly the duty of the executive to make the best arrangements in his power to remedy the evil. This was done, and sanctioned by the General Grand Chapter itself, and all question as to its legality must cease. 3d, The General Grand Chapter having since held two Triennial Convocations, without any question as to their legality, it is now too late to raise that point. 4th, To hold that the body ceased to exist, because it has neither the power nor the will to override the forces of the United States Government, and break its lines of defense, is to violate all the prescriptions of Masonry,—which require our obedience to the regulations of the Government under which we live. 5th, A mere failure to hold a meeting, or a meeting held even irregularly cannot be held to work the dissolution of a Masonic Government. Hence it must therefore be concluded that the General Grand Chapter has never ceased to exist and continues the existence it has always held."

We believe the General Grand Chapter to be more firmly fixed in the affection of the Royal Craft than ever before.

The principal business done was

1. Refusing to strike out the Past Master's degree.
2. Deciding that substitutes are allowable, but not desirable.
3. Admitting Past Grand High Priests to membership, which we think a *great mistake* for many reasons.
4. The following resolution was adopted upon the subject of finance.

Resolved, That the State Grand Chapters throughout the jurisdiction be requested to cause to be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of this General Grand Chapter, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinates at the date of their annual reports; the fund so created to be used to defray the necessary expenses of the General Grand Chapter. And the General Grand Secretary be, and hereby is instructed to pay to the General Grand Treasurer the amount so collected, and make report thereof at each Triennial Convocation.

The meeting was altogether pleasant, and in many respects profitable. The learned, and most unexpected lecture by M.: E.: Companion Albert Pike, on *Divinity, Demonology* and *Geography*, was listened to with profound respect. From it we learned the utter unworthiness of credence of Dr. Oliver, Mackey, and other lights heretofore regarded as authority upon

subjects of masonic research. The final result was, the General Grand Chapter decided unanimously, what there never was any dispute about, to wit, the correct G. O. W. Yet the lecture was aimed to destroy the received G. R. A. W. of York masonry, together with its most impressive, consistent and beautiful symbolism. The question, "What will he do with it?" remains yet unanswered. It was not "*expunged*"—that is, the modern word—but was to be used; but for what purpose is left a mystery. We say boldly, that the precipitation of this discussion upon the General Grand Chapter without notice, involving, as it did and does, the very life of the Royal Art, was *unfair*; and the attempted ridicule was unworthy of the occasion, the subject and the memory of our worthy ancestors who transmitted it. For the information of the Royal Craft who were not present to listen to the attempted *assassination* of the Royal Arch, of the York Rite, (we use the word advisedly,) we would say, that upon investigation, we find that M.: E.: Companion Pike's statement is not sustained, by any authority we can find, on the contrary, is opposed by all.

The *devil* seemed to possess the minds of many of the craft, and they wanted to exorcise him; but companions should remember that Baal, Bael or Bel never meant the devil, except in connection with the word *Zebud*, which means *flies*. They being the greatest pests of the East, they inferred that Baal, Bael or Bel (meaning *Master* or *King*,) of these pests must be the greatest foe of man. Vide any commentary on the scriptures, or marginal reading, and consult any bible dictionary or encyclopedia.

Again, we desire to call the attention of the craft to the fact that Osiris and Isis were the Egyptian Deities. Osiris (the sun) and Isis (the moon). That the Egyptian word for the sun was On. That the city in Egypt, called by the Greeks Heliopolis, (the city of the sun,) was by the Egyptians called On—of the same meaning. The sun, as a source of light and heat, the luminary, was called On; and as a Divinity, Osiris.

The *Wise Hebrews*, despising idolatry or sun worship, very properly claimed that the Egyptians worshiped On, the mate-

rial sun, and that this was their Divinity. Reference is again made to any of the encyclopedias under heads, On and Heliopolis, Osiris and Isis.

We will also suggest the peculiar *etymology* of the word vowel—*vox, voice, breath-spirit*; that consonants are the mere *stops* on the voice and *unpronounceable* without vowels, representing the *material*, while vowels represent the *spiritual*; and that if from the body of man you remove his breath, he is dead, so if you remove from the body of the Royal Art its *spirit*, it is a useless mass of rubbish.

The General Grand Chapter, out of detestation of the *devil* and the distinguished city of Egypt, under misapprehension, came very near repeating the inconsiderate action of the craftsmen, who in their foolish wisdom, not understanding how anything but an *oblong* or *square* could be of service in the erection of the temple, hastily concluded to throw over among the rubbish, as useless, that without which the temple could not be completed.

The next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, on the last Tuesday of November, 1874.

The following is the roll of officers:

Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Portland, Me.,	G.: G.: H.: P.:
" ELBERT H. ENGLISH, Little Rock, Ark.,	D.: G.: G.: H.: P.:
" CHARLES H. OHR, Cumberland, Md.,	G.: G.: K.:
" CHARLES MARSH, Nevada, Cal.,	G.: G.: S.:
" JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass.,	G.: G.: Tr.:
" CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Buffalo, N. Y.,	G.: G.: Sec.:
" JOSEPH YATES, Berlin, Wis.,	G.: G.: C.: H.:
" DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Jacksonville, Fla.,	G.: G.: R.: A.: C.:

In concluding this our second report, we desire to return our thanks to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut for the honor bestowed; to the several reporters who have so kindly and encouragingly welcomed us to their worthy corps, and to express our sincere regret that our time is so engrossed by other duties, that we must deny ourselves the honor and pleasure of longer continuing our labors as a reporter.

LUKE A. LOCKWOOD, *Chairman*.

Grand Secretaries and their Addresses,

1. Alabama.....Daniel Sayre.....Montgomery.
2. Arkansas.....Luke E. Barber.....Little Rock.
3. California.....Charles L. Wiggin.....San Francisco.
4. Canada.....John Wilson.....Simcoe.
5. Connecticut.....Joseph K. Wheeler.....Hartford.
6. District of Columbia.....Charles W. Hancock.....Washington.
7. Delaware.....William F. Godwin.....Milford.
8. Florida.....William M. McIntosh.....Tallahassee.
9. Georgia.....J. Emmet Blackshear.....Macon.
10. Illinois.....James H. Miles.....Chicago.
11. Indiana.....John M. Bramwell.....Indianapolis.
12. Iowa.....William B. Langride.....Muscatine.
13. Kansas.....Erasmus T. Carr.....Leavenworth.
14. Kentucky.....J. M. S. McCorkle.....Louisville.
15. Louisiana.....James C. Batchelor.....New Orleans.
16. Maine.....Ira Berry.....Portland.
17. Maryland.....William A. Wentz.....Baltimore.
18. Massachusetts.....Alfred F. Chapman.....Boston.
19. Michigan.....J. Eastman Johnson.....Centreville.
20. Minnesota.....William S. Combs.....Saint Paul.
21. Mississippi.....James L. Power.....Jackson.
22. Missouri.....George Frank Gouley.....Saint Louis.
23. Nebraska.....Robert W. Furnas.....Brownville.
24. New Hampshire.....Abel Hutchins.....Concord.
25. New Jersey.....John Wolverton.....Trenton.
26. New York.....Christopher G. Fox.....Buffalo.
27. North Carolina.....Thomas B. Carr.....Wilmington.
28. Nova Scotia.....James Gossip.....Halifax.
29. Ohio.....James Nesbitt.....Troy.
30. Oregon.....Richard P. Earhart.....Salem.
31. Pennsylvania.....John Thomson.....Philadelphia.
32. Rhode Island.....George H. Burnham.....Providence.
33. South Carolina.....Augustine T. Smythe.....Charleston.
34. Tennessee.....John Frizzell.....Nashville.
35. Texas.....Robert Brewster.....Houston.
36. Vermont.....William H. S. Whitcomb.....Burlington.
37. Virginia.....John Dove, M. D.....Richmond.
38. West Virginia.....Oliver S. Long.....Wheeling.
39. Wisconsin.....William T. Palmer.....Milwaukee.
40. United States.....Christopher G. Fox.....Buffalo, N. Y

Order of High Priesthood

At the annual meeting of the Grand Convention of High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry, of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Hartford, on the 7th of May, A. D., 1872, A. B., 3783, the following M.: E.: Companions were present:

M.: E.: JOHN H. BARLOW,	M. E. P.
“ “ EDMUND TWEEDY,	E. V. P.
“ “ STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	E. Chap.
“ “ CHARLES W. STEARNS,	E. T. and R.
“ “ WILLIAM W. LEE,	E. M. of C.
“ “ C. W. STEARNS,	as E. Cond.
“ “ DWIGHT PHELPS,	E. Her.
“ “ A. R. BLAKESLEE,	E. Stew.
“ “ CYRUS GOODELL,	E. Sent.

Companions James L. Gould, A. C. Golding, N. G. Hinckley, Thomas Vincent, O. P. Jacobs, J. A. Bunnell, John L. Devotion, W. B. Cargill, John N. Allyn, C. M. Hatch, Dwight Waugh, J. K. Wheeler, H. W. Coye, William Freeston.

The Grand Convention was opened in due form. Applications were received from the following M. E. Companions, soliciting the honor of being admitted to the Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. GEORGE WOFFENDEN,	Hiram Chapter, No. 1
" WILLIAM J. SANFORD,	" " " 1
" CHARLES W. SKIFF,	Franklin, " 2
" ALBERT F. SHERWOOD,	Solomon, " 3
" INCREASE W. CARPENTER,	Franklin, " 4
" CHARLES H. BIGELOW,	Trinity, " 9
" SOLOMON A. GRANGER,	Meridian, " 15
" EDWIN GARFIELD,	Pythagoras, " 17
" JAMES E. COER,	Eureka, " 22
" R. TAYLOR CHURCH,	Palmer, " 28
" LE ROY BRAINARD,	Freestone, " 34

Having presented certificates of election to the office of High Priest, of their respective Chapters, they were balloted for and declared elected.

They were then admitted to the Grand Convention and anointed in due form.

The Grand Convention then proceeded to the choice of officers, and the following M. E. Companions were elected :

M. E. JOHN H. BARLOW,	M. E. P.
" EDMUND TWEEDY,	E. V. P.
" STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	E. Chap.
" CHARLES W. STEARNS,	E. T. and R.
" WILLIAM W. LEE,	E. M. of C.
" DWIGHT PHELPS,	E. Cond.
" A. R. BLAKESLEE,	E. Her.
" A. C. GOLDING,	E. Stew.
" CYRUS GOODELL,	E. Sent.

The officers were then declared to be duly installed.

On motion of Companion Tweedy, the sum of five dollars was appropriated for the Grand Sentinel.

No other business being offered, the Grand Convention was closed in due form.

JOHN H. BARLOW, *M. E. P.*

CHARLES W. STEARNS, *E. Recorder.*

Freemasons. Connecticut. Royal Arch
Masons. Grand Chapter.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M. E. GRAND
Royal Arch Chapter

OF THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

AT THE
Semi-Annual Convocation held in Norwalk, October 18th,
A. J. 2402, A. D. 1872.

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AND THE
Annual Convocation held in New Haven, May 13th,
A. J. 2403, A. D. 1873.



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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF CONNECTICUT.

October 18th, A. I. 2402 and A. D. 1872.

The semi-annual convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, was held in Norwalk, on the 18 day of October, A. I. 2402, A. D. 1872, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon with the following

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
A. C. GOLDING,	as Grand King.
A. R. BLAKESLEE,	Grand Scribe.
Com. L. E. MAYNARD,	as Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Grand Secretary.
CYRUS GOODELL,	Grand Chaplain.
DWIGHT WAUGH,	Grand Captain of the Host.
DWIGHT PHELPS,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT M. WILCOX,	as Grand Royal Arch Captain.
LE ROY BEAIRD,	Grand Master of 3d Veil.
LLOYD M. COBB,	Grand Master of 2d Veil.
WILLIAM FREESTON,	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
WILLIAM GOODWIN,	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Asa Smith, Cyrus Goodell, Edwin Hoyt, Stephen T. Bartlett, Wm. W. Storry, Chas W. Stearns.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut was opened in ample form, with prayer by Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Chaplain. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions R. C. Naramore and Milo Nichols, a Committee on Credentials, who having examined the credentials submitted to them, reported that the following Companions were entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter, as

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

<i>Hiram Chapter,</i>	No. 1—	Wm. I. Sanford, H. P.
Newtown,		Milo Nichols, K.
<i>Franklin “</i>	“ 2—	Charles W. Skiff, H. P.
New Haven,		
<i>Solomon “</i>	“ 3—	*A. R. Blakeslee, H. P.
Derby,		H. Bradley, K.
		R. C. Naramore, S.
<i>Franklin “</i>	“ 4—	Lloyd M. Cobb, K.
Norwich,		C. W. Converse, S.
<i>Washington “</i>	“ 6—	L. E. Maynard, H. P.
Middletown,		
<i>Union “</i>	“ 7—	Not represented.
New London,		
<i>Trinity “</i>	“ 9—	Not represented.
Willimantic,		
<i>Rittenhouse “</i>	“ 11—	Dwight Waugh, H. P.
Stamford,		*Geo. L. Lounds, K.
		*Edwin S. Holley, S.
<i>Warren “</i>	“ 12—	Not Represented.
Killingly,		

<i>Jerusalem Chapter,</i> Bridgeport,	No. 13—Stephen T. Bartlet, H. P. William J. Dorrance, K. Wilfred E. Norton, S.
<i>Meridian</i> “ West Winsted,	“ 15—S. A. Granger, H. P. *E. T. Hopkins, K. *Dwight Phelps, S.
<i>Darius</i> “ Litchfield,	“ 16—Wm. Demming, H. P.
<i>Pythagoras</i> “ Hartford,	“ 17—*J. K. Wheeler, H. P. *Cyrus Goodell, K.
<i>Adoniram</i> “ Rockville,	“ 18—Not represented.
<i>Jerusalem</i> “ Ridgefield,	“ 19—*A. G. H. Hurlburt, H. P. *Charles A. Jennings, K. *Charles O. Olmsted, S.
<i>Lafayette</i> “ Granby,	“ 20—Not represented.
<i>Benevolence</i> “ Mystic River,	“ 21—Not represented.
<i>Eureka</i> “ Waterbury,	“ 22—C. I. Curtis, S.
<i>Eureka</i> “ Danbury,	“ 23—*Frank R. Nash, H. P.
<i>Washington</i> “ Norwalk,	“ 24—Robert M. Wilcox, H. P. James W. Storey, K. Henry D. Fox, S.
<i>Giddings</i> “ New Britain,	“ 25—Wm. Freeston, H. P. Gideon Robinson, K.
<i>Pulaski</i> “ Fair Haven,	“ 26—Not represented.
<i>Keystone,</i> “ West Meriden,	“ 27—Wm. H. Westwood, H. P. Edwin O. Hibbard, K.
<i>Palmer</i> “ Westerly, R. I.,	“ 28—*A. L. Chester, H. P.
<i>Burning Bush</i> Essex,	“ 29—*Joseph R. Johnson, H. P.
<i>Washington</i> “ Suffield,	“ 30—Not represented.

<i>Columbia Chapter,</i> Collinsville,	<i>No. 31</i> —Not represented.
<i>Pequabuck “</i> Bristol,	<i>“ 32</i> —L. Goodenough, H. P.
<i>Ousatonic “</i> New Milford,	<i>“ 33</i> —A. S. Hill, H. P.
<i>Freestone “</i> Portland,	<i>“ 34</i> —Le Roy Brainard, H. P.
<i>Mt. Vernon “</i> Ansonia,	<i>“ 35</i> —J. H. Whiting, H. P. W. W. Steele, S.
<i>Granite “</i> Thomaston,	<i>“ 36</i> —C. Welton, H. P.
<i>Moosup “</i> Moosup,	<i>“ 37</i> —*F. W. Spaulding, H. P. George Sanderson, K. F. S. Burgess, S.

(* Proxies.)

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted, as far as complete, and left open for further additions and corrections.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, when Washington Chapter, No. 24, was opened by its regular officers, after which the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, M. E. Master, and R. A. Mason were exemplified by the officers of the Grand Chapter, and the lectures of each degree rehearsed in full.

_____ • EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, and the officers resumed their respective stations.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following Chapters had not been represented at the present semi-annual convocation, to wit.: Union, No. 7, at New London; Trinity, No. 9,

at Willimantic; Warren, No. 12, at Killingly; Adoniram, No. 18, at Rockville; Lafayette, No. 20, at Granby; Benevolence, No. 21, at Mystic River; Pulaski, No. 26, at Fair Haven; Washington, No. 30, at Suffield; Columbia, No. 31, at Collinsville;] whereupon the following resolution was submitted and adopted:

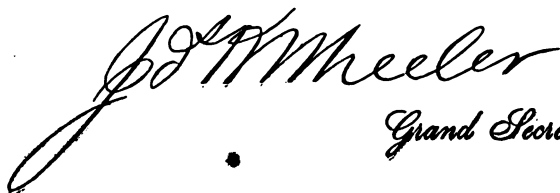
Resolved, That the said delinquent Chapters be notified to report to the Committee on Delinquent Chapters, to be raised at the next annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and show cause, if any exist, why the penalty for non-representation should not be inflicted.

On motion of Companion Stephen T. Bartlett it was

Voted, That the usual fee of Five Dollars be paid the Grand Tyler; also that the sum of Ten Dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Grand Chaplain, Companion Cyrus Goodell.

No further business appearing, the M.: E.: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Attest,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J. M. Meeler". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF CONNECTICUT.

Annual Convocation, May 13th A. I. 2403 A. D. 1873.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut was held at the new Masonic Temple in the city of New Haven, on Tuesday, May 13th, A. I. 2402, A. D. 1872. The following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives were present :

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE,	Grand High Priest.
R. E. EDMUND TWEEDY,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. H. W. COYE,	Grand King.
E. A. R. BLAKESLEE,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. GEORGE LEE,	Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Grand Secretary.
CYRUS GOODELL.	Grand Chaplain.
DWIGHT WAUGH,	Grand Captain of the Host.
DWIGHT PHELPS,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
JOHN H. BINGHAM,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
LE ROY BRAINARD,	Grand Master of 3d Veil.
LLOYD M. COBB,	Grand Master of 2d Veil.
WM. FREESTON,	Grand Master of 1st Veil.
	Grand S. Steward.
JAMES E. COER,	Grand J. Steward,
CHAS. E. HOOGHKIRK,	Grand Tyler,

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

P.: G.: H.: P.: L. A. Lockwood, Chas. W. Stearns, Cyrus Goodell. P.: G.: Scribe. John N. Lewis.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was opened in ample form, with appropriate ceremonies, and prayer by Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Chaplain.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Companion J. K. Wheeler a Committee on Credentials, who having examined the returns and certificates of proxy submitted to him, reported that the following Companions were present and entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, as

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

<i>Hiram Chapter,</i>	No. 1—	H. L. Wheeler, H. P.
Newtown,		James M. Blackman, K.
<i>Franklin “</i>	“ 2—	Charles W. Skiff, H. P.
New Haven,		Horatio G. Bronson, K.
		Chas. T. Lindsley, S.
<i>Solomon “</i>	“ 3—	Henry Bradley, H. P.
Derby,		J. H. Barlow, K.
		*A. F. Sherwood, S.
<i>Franklin “</i>	“ 4—	I. W. Carpenter, H. P.
Norwich,		Lloyd M. Cobb, K.
<i>Washington “</i>	“ 6—	F. N. Bliss, H. P.
Middletown,		John V. Adams, K.
		Daniel S. Johnson, S.
<i>Union “</i>	“ 7—	Alfred Fenwick, H. P.
New London,		
<i>Trinity “</i>	“ 9—	Chas. S. Billings, H. P.
Willimantic,		Orlando D. Brown, K.
		*William H. Hayward, S.

<i>Rittenhouse</i> “ Stamford,	“ 11—*Warren B. Stetson, H. P. Geo. L. Lounds, K. *James H. Olmsted, S.
<i>Warren</i> “ Killingly,	“ 12—O. J. Lewis, H. P. Aaron H. Storrs, K. O. P. Jacobs. S.
<i>Jerusalem Chapter</i> , Bridgeport,	No. 13—Stephen T. Bartlet, H. P.
<i>Meridian</i> “ West Winsted,	“ 15—L. R. King, H. P. Amos Beecher, K.
<i>Darius</i> “ Litchfield,	“ 16—Not represented.
<i>Pythagoras</i> “ Hartford,	“ 17—John H. Bingham H. P. *Geo. H. Newton, K. *Richard H. Livingston, S.
<i>Adoniram</i> “ Rockville,	“ 18—*L. E. Brown, H. P.
<i>Jerusalem</i> “ Ridgefield,	“ 19—William S. Todd, H. P.
<i>Lafayette</i> “ Granby,	“ 20—*Edmund Holcomb, H. P. Frank Gillett, K.
<i>Benevolence</i> “ Mystic River,	“ 21—*T. W. Noyes, H. P.
<i>Eureka</i> “ Waterbury,	“ 22—James E. Coer, H. P. Henry U. Church, K. Charles I. Curtis, S.
<i>Eureka</i> “ Danbury,	“ 23—Joseph Treadwell, H. P. James H. Welch, K. *Chas. H. Gunn, S.
<i>Washington</i> “ Norwalk,	“ 24—Geo. W. Smith, H. P. A. C. Golding, K. *Wm. W. Storey, S.
<i>Giddings</i> “ New Britain,	“ 25 *William Freeston H. P.
<i>Pulaski</i> “ Fair Haven,	“ 26—*J. R. Hunt, H. P.

<i>Keystone</i> , “	“	27—Edwin O. Hibbard, H. P.
West Meriden,		*S. S. Watson, K.
		J. C. Booth, S.
<i>Palmer</i> “	“	28—*James Stillman, H. P.
Westerly, R. I.,		
<i>Burning Bush</i>	“	29—John I. Hutchinson H. P.
Essex,		
<i>Washington</i> “	“	30—John M. Hathaway, H. P.
Suffield,		M. T. Newton, S.
<i>Columbia Chapter</i> ,	No. 31—	J. W. Creighton, H. P.
Collinsville,		
<i>Pequabuck</i> “	“	32—L. Goodenough, H. P.
Bristol,		
<i>Ousatonic</i> “	“	33—A. S. Hill, H. P.
New Milford,		*Albert Turrell, K.
<i>Freestone</i> “	“	34—Ellsworth B. Strong, H. P.
Portland,		Geo B. Cleveland, K.
		Joseph C. Gladwin, S.
<i>Mt. Vernon</i> “	“	35—J. H. Whiting, H. P.
Ansonia,		D. F. Hoadley, K.
		W. W. Steele, S.
<i>Granite</i> “	“	36—*Wm. B. Gilbert, H. P.
Thomaston,		*E. M. Talmadge, K.
<i>Moosup</i> “	“	37—Frank W. Spaulding, H. P.
Moosup,		George H. Lovgrove, K.
		*John D. Rood, S.

(* Proxies.)

The report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted so far as complete, and ordered to lie open until the close of the session for further additions and corrections.

Companion Joseph K. Wheeler offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved. That an invitation be, and is hereby extended to all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, to visit the Grand Chapter during the sitting of the present annual convocation.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest then delivered the following Annual Address.

Address of the Grand High Priest.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER :

Another year has swiftly sped, and in accordance with our rules we again assemble in annual convocation. It is fitting that at this season of the year, when nature is thus awakening to newness of life, we should so assemble, "For lo! the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." We have exchanged the friendly greeting, have received the cordial grasp of the fraternal hand, have "seen eye to eye," have knelt at a common altar, have invoked the blessing of Him "who ruleth over wind and wave," and are prepared, I trust, to enter upon our labors in a proper masonic spirit. Let me extend to all a cordial welcome and may our present gathering be one of pleasure and profit to us all.

The year, now closing, has, so far as I know, been one of general peace and prosperity.

The Charters which were granted at our last annual, were delivered and the Chapters duly constituted, Nos. 35 and 36 by myself, July 2d and 5th, respectively, and No. 37 by the Grand King sometime in the month of August. I have no fears but that the trusts committed to them are in safe hands.

Some correspondence has been had during the year in reference to reviving the Chapter in Colchester, (Vanderbrock No. 5), but nothing definite has yet been arrived at.

There have been no applications for dispensations or Charters during the year. I have granted dispensations to Nos. 1, 7, 11 and 19 to elect officers, they having failed at their annuals from various causes, such as severe storms and other agencies beyond their control. I also granted one dispensation to shorten the time for balloting upon the application of candidates in order that this body might be provided with material for exemplification of the work at the semi-annual in Norwalk. No. 24 had closed for the season and did not resume work until September, and as our convocation was called for the 18th of that month, I could see no other way out of the difficulty. I question whether a presiding officer has any right to dispense with a written law or suspend its operation, and very much dislike the idea of making any distinction among those who apply for admission, consequently I have refused all other applications of a similar nature.

I have been asked what are the jurisdictional limits of No. 37, chartered last year. My answer was that it had exclusive control over the town of Plainfield, (Moosup being a village in the town), but that they could not go into the town of Killingly without the consent of No. 12, (which is located in Dayville in that town), and half way to the nearest Chapter in every direction by the usually traveled route; the general law of Masonry governs all such cases in the absence of specific grants.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of a more complete system of visitation and instruction will present their report, for which I bespeak your careful consideration. It is a fact that the Chapters which are most in need of instruction are least able to afford it, such, for instance, as Nos. 1, 12, 16, 19, 20, and perhaps others might be included whose fields of labor are limited and whose growth necessarily slow. It is not the disposition that is wanting in such Chapters, but means and opportunities, to perfect themselves in the work and make their several Chapters equal in work and efficiency to others more favorably situated.

How many of the Chapters have been visited during the year, I am unable to say. I have visited No. 2, (long known for its proficiency), which I found in fine condition; No. 30, which is not yet up to the standard, but hopes to be; No. 32, where I found a better state of things than I expected; No. 34 is doing good work and well officered; Nos. 35 and 37 surpass many of our older Chapters in excellency of work, and bid fair to become models worthy of imitation.

When we were assembled one year ago one of our number, venerable in years, well and widely known, was "waiting by the river." Only a few days elapsed ere he crossed to the "other shore" and became a dweller in the spirit land. You all knew and loved William Storer. He came to this state from Vermont, more than forty years since, (a mason then I think), was exalted in Franklin Chapter in this city, December 7th, 1836. No name is more closely identified with Masonry for the past thirty years, than that of Storer. The older members of our various Grand Bodies know how long and faithfully he served as committee of Foreign Correspondence, and in that department few indeed surpassed him. But the crowning grace of his character was his pure consistent life. With the largest charity for human failings, he had no sympathy with or charity for positive vice in any form.

"The good he loved of every name,
And prayed for all mankind."

While we tenderly cherish his memory, let us endeavor to imitate his virtues. During the year others of prominence and worth have "passed on." He to whom was committed the standard of symbolic masonry in this state, fifty years ago, the Nestor of them all, Ralph I. Ingersoll. John C. Blackman, fourteen years since Grand Master, Henry C. Deming, the

"silver tongued," and others might be named, perhaps, not equally prominent but equally worthy. It is said that the sandal tree sheds its sweetest perfume at the moment of its overthrow upon the axe that fell it. So the life of a good man in his dying, gives forth a fragrance that blesses us and sweetens all the moral atmosphere.

May we so live that the same can be truly said of each and all of us.

WM. WALLACE LEE,

Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Companion H. W. Coye, Grand King, submitted the following annual report.

Report of Grand King.

TO M.: E.: W. W. LEE, GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

I have the honor of submitting the following report of my official acts during the year past :

On the 16th of August, according to instructions from you, I visited the Companions at Moosup and, assisted by Companion J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, constituted their new Chapter known as Moosup Chapter, No. 37; and installed the officers. The ceremony of installation was a public one, and was performed in the Methodist Church, in the presence of a large and apparently interested audience. It has rarely, if ever, before, been my good fortune to witness so much zeal and enterprise as was displayed by our worthy Companions of this new chapter. To my surprise and pleasure they were already supplied with all the necessary regalia, working tools and paraphernalia requisite to a proper exemplification of the several Chapter degrees; and every companion seemed to feel it his especial duty to be present at all their meetings for practice in the work, ready and willing to engage in any of the labors, however difficult. They were rapidly pushing forward to completion a new Hall which would give them more room and better facilities for conferring the degrees.

January 29th I again visited this chapter in company with yourself, and witnessed the conferring of the R.: A.: degree in their new Hall. The work, considering the experience they have had, was admirably done, and with but very few errors. The officers are deserving of great credit for the proficiency they have made in the work in so short a time.

January 22d, I visited Eureka Chapter, No. 22 at Waterbury, and saw the M.: E.: M.: degree conferred. I assure you that I never saw that

degree so impressively conferred before. The accomplished High Priest of that Chapter has perfected himself and his subordinates in the exemplification and working of the M.: E.: M.: degree, and they are to be highly commended for their efforts in so doing. I most earnestly wish that all our Chapters would pay more attention to the working of this degree, which is one of the most grand and beautiful degrees in masonry, when properly conferred.

February 14th I visited Solomon Chapter, No. 3, at Birmingham, and saw the Royal Arch degree conferred. In consideration of the fact that their officers were new, the work was well done.

April 15th by special request, I visited Adoniram Chapter at Rockville, Companion A. R. Blakeslee, Grand Scribe, not being able to do so at that time, and saw them confer the Mark Master degree on two candidates. The officers of this Chapter are also new, and this was the first time they had worked together; notwithstanding, the work was well, and in the main, correctly done.

The other Chapters assigned to me I have not been able to visit, and consequently can give no report of their condition.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY W. COYE,

Grand King.

R.: E.: Companion Arthur R. Blakeslee submitted the following report.

Report of Grand Scribe.

TO WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE M.: E.:
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT:

Having again met in Annual Convocation it becomes my duty to submit to you the following report of my official visits during the past year:

Early in July last I had the pleasure of being present at the instituting of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 35, Ansonia. On the evening of October 22d I visited Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven and witnessed the work in the Royal Arch degree. This was the first meeting of the Chapter in the new Hall, and will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present on that occasion. On the evening of November 22d, I visited Granite Chapter, No. 36, Thomaston, and witnessed the work in the Royal Arch degree, which was done in a manner not excelled by some older Chapters. I received an invitation from Columbia Chapter, No. 31, to visit them on the evening of December 35th,

but owing to want of time was unable to do so. On the evening of April 8th, accompanied by Past Grand High Priest, J. H. Barlow, I visited Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich, and witnessed the work in the Royal Arch degree, which was done quite correctly and with a promptness truly commendable.

I received an invitation to visit Adoniram Chapter No. 18, Rockville, on the evening of April 15th, but owing to a business engagement was unable to comply, and therefore wrote to R. E. Companion Coye, leaving him to make the visit for me, which I believe he did. From Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Willimantic; Jerusalem No. 19, Ridgefield; Benevolence No. 21, Mystic, and Eureka No. 23, Danbury, I have received no invitation and have not visited them. I also received an invitation to visit Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Bridgeport, but not soon enough to avail myself of the opportunity of meeting the Companions in Bridgeport.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE,

Grand Scribe.

On motion of Companion Charles W. Stearns the address of the Grand High Priest and reports of the Grand King and Scribe were referred to a committee of three for apportionment and recommendations, consisting of Companions Charles W. Stearns, I. W. Carpenter and John I. Hutchinson.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Standing Committees.

On Grievances ; L. A. Lockwood, J. H. Barlow, O. P. Jacobs.

On Delinquencies ; Charles W. Skiff, L. E. Goodenough, H. L. Wheeler.

On Charters ; R. C. Naramore, J. E. Coer, Chester Tilden.

Auditing Committee ; J. H. Whiting, Edwin O. Hibbard, L. R. King.

The Grand Secretary submitted a petition from sundry companions in Colchester for the revival of Van Den Broeck Chapter, No. 5, formerly located at that place, also a petition from Washington Chapter No. 6, for new charter, they being at work by authority of an old charter not issued by this Grand Chapter, which were referred to the Committee on Charters.

Companion Stearns, from the Committee on Address of the Grand High Priest, and reports of the Grand King and Scribe, submitted the following report, which was accepted and recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Address.

TO THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and reports of other officers submit the following report ;

That they find nothing therein contained requiring special action, but are pleased to learn that the several duties have been faithfully performed and that peace and harmony continue within our borders.

Your committee would recommend that suitable memorial pages be set apart in our proceedings to perpetuate the memory of those bright and shining lights who have departed this life for those untried scenes of a better and higher sphere, and further ; that that part of the address which alludes to the death of Companion William Storer be referred to a special committee to be raised.

Your committee would also offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to our M. E. Grand High Priest, W. Wallace Lee, for his untiring zeal in the discharge of his official duties and the faithful and impartial manner in which the same have been discharged.

All of which your committee respectfully submit.

C. M. STEARNS, I. W. CARPENTER, JOHN I. HUTCHINSON.	} Committee.
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The report from the Auditing Committee was submitted as follows, and adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

M.: E.: GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Auditing Committee have attended to their duties and find the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WHITING, }
E. O. HIBBARD, } *Committee.*
L. R. KING. }

Companion Geo. Lee, Grand Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was accepted.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

TO THE M.: E.: GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Your Grand Treasurer would most respectfully submit the following annual report, of receipts and disbursements, for the past year :

Amount on hand at last convocation, - -	\$376.87
Amount received from Grand Secretary, - -	572.50
Total,	<u>\$949.37.</u>
Amount paid out by order of M.: E.: Grand High Priest, as per vouchers, - - - -	\$570.94
Amount on hand May 13th, 1873, - - - -	<u>\$408.81</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LEE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Companion John N. Lewis, it was

Voted, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Companions L. A. Lockwood, Edmund Tweedy and Cyrus Goodell, a special committee to report resolutions on the death of Companion William Storer, as provided by resolutions of the Committee on addresses of Grand Officers.

Companion L. A. Lockwood, chairman of the Committee on Charters, reported as follows, which was accepted and resolution adopted.

Report of Committee on Charters.

Your Committee on Charters would respectfully report that they have considered the several matters referred to them and respectfully report that in the matter of Washington Chapter, No. 6, of Middletown, it seems that this Chapter although fully recognized and acting as a constituted member of this Grand Chapter holds no charter direct from this Grand Body but is still working under a charter granted by Washington Chapter, New York, in 1796.

Upon the prayer of said Chapter to receive a charter from this Grand Body your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the said Washington Chapter deliver its said charter to the Grand Secretary to be duly registered and that thereupon a charter be granted by this Grand Chapter by the same name and number, and that the old charter, after such registry, and endorsement of this resolution, be returned to said Chapter upon payment of the usual fee to the Grand Secretary for engrossing and registering such charter.

Respectfully submitted,

LUKE A. LOCKWOOD,
J. H. BARLOW,
O. P. JACOBS. } *Committee.*

That the application for a Chapter at Colchester has been withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

LUKE A. LOCKWOOD,
J. H. BARLOW,
O. P. JACOBS, } *Committee.*

Companion L. A. Lockwood submitted the following resolution which was ordered to lie on the table until the Afternoon Session :

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the amount to be paid annually into the treasury of the Grand Chapter by its subordinates for its support, be *per capita*, according to the number of members upon their roll, also to strike out all of Sec. 7 of the by-laws, after the word Arch, in the fifth line, and all other regulations relating to dues to this Grand Chapter from its subordinates.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Connecticut was called from refreshment to labor at 2½ o'clock P. M. Officers in their respective stations as at the morning session.

The resolution of Companion Lockwood, in reference to levying a *per capita* tax upon the subordinate Chapters, according to their roll of membership, was taken from the table and adopted.

On motion of Companion John N. Lewis, it was

Resolved, That the M.: E.: Grand High Priest appoint a Committee on Finance, to report at the present session.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Companions Chas. W. Stearns, George Lee and Le Roy Brainard as said Committee on Finance, agreeable to the foregoing resolution.

Companion W. B. Cayill, from the committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and their action in approving By-Laws submitted to them adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

Your Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters beg leave to submit the following report.

That they have received the By-Laws of Franklin, No. 4, Washington, No. 6, Rittenhouse, No. 11, Granite, No. 36, Moosup, No. 37, which have been so revised and corrected as to conform to the regulations of this Grand Chapter, and the same have been approved by the Committee. Aside from this the Committee have had no duties to perform except to approve amendments to the By-Laws of Palmer, No. 28, which provided a change of time of Annual Convocation, also of Stated Convocations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. CARGILL,	} Committee,
CHAS. W. SKIFF,	
R. C. NARAMORE,	

At 3 o'clock, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Companions James H. Olmsted, J. W. Creighton and Ellsworth B. Strong were appointed tellers, when ballots were cast and the following Companions declared duly elected.

M. E. WM. WALLACE LEE,	<i>West Meriden,</i>	G. H. P.
R. E. EDMUND TWEEDY,	<i>Danbury,</i>	D. G. H. P.
R. E. H. W. COYE,	<i>Rockville,</i>	G. K.
R. E. DWIGHT WAUGH,	<i>Stamford,</i>	G. S.
COMP. GEORGE LEE,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. Treasurer.
“ JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. Secretary.
“ CYRUS GOODELL,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. Chaplain.
“ DWIGHT PHELPS,	<i>West Winsted,</i>	G. C. of H.
“ JOHN H. BINGHAM,	<i>Hartford,</i>	G. P. S.
“ LE ROY BRAINARD,	<i>Portland,</i>	G. R. A. C.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

COMP. LLOYD M. COBB,	<i>Norwich,</i>	G. M. of 3d V.
“ WM. FREESTON,	<i>New Britain,</i>	G. M. of 2d V.
“ CHAS. W. SKIFF,	<i>New Haven,</i>	G. M. of 1st V.

COMP. H. L. WHEELER,	<i>Newtown,</i>	G. S. Steward.
" J. H. WHITING,	<i>Ansonia,</i>	G. J. Steward.
" H. E. PATTEN,	<i>Hartford,</i>	Grand Tyler.
" JOHN N. LEWIS,	<i>No. 20 Nassau St., N. Y.,</i> Com. on F. C.	
R. C. NARAMORE,	<i>Derby,</i>	} <i>Committee</i> <i>on</i> <i>By-Laws.</i>
O. P. JACOBS,	<i>Danielsonville,</i>	
A. C. GOLDING,	<i>Norwalk,</i>	

Companion R. C. Naramore submitted the following report, as chairman of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT:

Your Committee on Grievances would respectfully beg leave to report that no business has been brought before them. This, as in previous years is cause for hearty congratulation, and reflects great credit on the membership for the universal peace and harmony prevalent in this jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. NARAMORE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JAMES E. COER,	
CHESTER TILDEN.	

On motion of Companion L. A. Lockwood, a committee, was appointed to nominate a Board of Trustees, who reported the following, when ballots were spread, and they were declared duly elected:

N. G. HINCKLEY, *Hartford.*
 JULIUS TYLER *New Haven,*
 EDMUND TWEEDY, *Danbury.*

Companion Charles W. Carter, from Norwich, presented credentials from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, appointing him their Grand Representative, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which was accepted and he duly ac-

credited as the Grand Representative from Wisconsin, and saluted with the Grand Honors and welcomed to a seat in the East.

Companion John N. Lewis, from the special committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Chapter, to report a better system of visitation of subordinate Chapters and inspection of work, submitted the following report which was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Your committee, appointed at the last Annual Convocation under the following resolution.

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of three, to be raised, to devise some plan for meeting more fully the deficiency which exists in our system of visitation and inspection — said committee to report at the next Annual Convocation.

respectfully report:

That they have given the subject referred to them much careful thought and have considered several different propositions, among them the appointment of District Deputy Grand High Priests, as is done in some of our sister jurisdictions. Your committee have been unable to find any precedent in the ancient constitutions and usages of our order for the modern office above named, and are opposed to the creation of any new dignities, and the engrafting of novelties upon the body of Masonry; and therefore cannot recommend the appointment of such officers.

No other proposition which has been before us calls for notice except that upon which we have concluded.

It is believed by your committee that it is not possible to secure a proper visitation and inspection of the subordinate Chapters in any other manner than by the employment of some competent Companion, who shall make it *his business* to perform such duties, and who shall receive just compensation from this Grand Body for the services performed. We deem it more equitable and necessary to the efficient and independent performance of those duties, that they should be paid for by the Grand Chapter, and not by the subordinates. In accordance with these views we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions as in our judgment the best plan for meeting more fully the deficiency which exists in our system of visitation and inspection.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he hereby is requested to warrant and appoint, at each Annual Convocation of this

Grand Chapter, some competent and worthy Companion, as his proxy to visit, inspect and instruct the several subordinate Chapters, with full powers for the proper performance of such duties.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the proxy of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, so appointed, to visit for inspection and instruction each of the subordinate Chapters once in each year.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he hereby is instructed to pay to the said proxy of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest out of the funds of this Grand Chapter, the sum of ten dollars for each separate Chapter so visited, inspected and instructed by him, and the necessary expenses actually incurred by him in making such visitation; such payment to be made quarterly upon the voucher of said proxy approved by the M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. LEWIS,
JOS. K. WHEELER, } *Committee.*
W. B. CARGILL,

The Finance Committee submitted the following report and resolution, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

TO THE M.: E.: GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

Your committee to whom was referred the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter, have attended to the duties assigned to them and beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, there be required and paid to this Grand Chapter, from each subordinate within its jurisdiction, the sum of forty cents for each member upon its Roll.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. STEARNS,
GEORGE LEE, } *Committee.*
LE ROY BRAINARD,

Companion Charles W. Skiff, from the Committee on Delinquencies, submitted the following report, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

The undersigned Committee on Delinquencies respectfully report

That they have examined the records of the Grand Secretary and find that every Chapter is represented at this Convocation except Darius No. 16.

In the matter of Trinity, No. 9, which was not represented at the last Semi-annual Convocation, your committee would recommend that they be excused from the usual penalty, sufficient reason having been given.

In the case of Union, No. 7, Warren, No. 12, Adoniram, No. 18, La Fayette, No. 20, Benevolence, No. 21, Pulaski, No. 26, Washington, No. 30, Columbia, No. 31, we recommend the usual fee to be collected.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. SKIFF,
LESTER GOODENOUGH, } Committee.
HENRY L. WHEELER, }

Companion John N. Lewis submitted his report on Foreign Correspondence, reading some portions of the same, which was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

He also submitted the following preamble and resolution, recognizing the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Whereas, At a convention of Royal Arch Masons, regularly called and held in the city of Wheeling, in the State of West Virginia, on the 16th day of November, 1871, a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for that jurisdiction was regularly organized and established,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter cordially greets this new member of the Grand Royal Arch Sisterhood, and extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

On motion of Companion Edmund Tweedy it was

Voted, That the usual appropriations be made to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler.

Companion John N. Lewis, from the special committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of our esteemed Companion William Storer, asked leave to prepare

the resolutions after the session of the Grand Chapter and forward the same to the Grand Secretary for publication in the proceedings; which was granted.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Attest,

J. S. Wheeler
Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary's Report

Of Moneys received to May 13, A. D. 1873. Dues from Subordinate Chapters.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. of Chapter.	LOCATION.	Exaltations.	Amount Received.
Hiram, - - -	1	Newtown,		
Franklin, - - -	2	New Haven,	24	\$96.00
Solomon, - - -	3	Derby,	5	20.00
Franklin, - - -	4	Norwich,	16	64.00
Washington, - - -	6	Middletown,	6	24.00
Union, - - -	7	New London,	3	12.00
Trinity, - - -	9	Willimantic,	2	8.00
Rittenhouse, - - -	11	Stamford,	3	12.00
Warren, - - -	12	Killingly,	9	36.00
Jerusalem, - - -	13	Bridgeport,	5	20.00
Meridian, - - -	15	West Winsted,	4	16.00
Darius, - - -	16	Litchfield,	8	32.00
Pythagoras, - - -	17	Hartford,	17	68.00
Adoniram, - - -	18	Rockville,		
Jerusalem, - - -	19	Ridgefield,	1	4.00
La Fayette, - - -	20	Granby,	2	8.00
Benevolence, - - -	21	Mystic River,		
Eureka, - - -	22	Waterbury,	6	24.00
Eureka, - - -	23	Danbury,	2	8.00
Washington, - - -	24	Norwalk,	6	24.00
Giddings, - - -	25	New Britain,	12	48.00
Pulaski, - - -	26	Fair Haven,	14	56.00
Keystone, - - -	27	West Meriden,	15	60.00
Palmer, - - -	28	Pawcatuck,	4	16.00
Burning Bush, - - -	29	Essex,	6	24.00
Washington, - - -	30	Suffield,	6	24.00
Columbia, - - -	31	Collinsville,	2	8.00
Pequabuck, - - -	32	Bristol,	8	32.00
Ousatonic, - - -	33	New Milford,	2	8.00
Freestone, - - -	34	Portland,	5	20.00
Mount Vernon, - - -	35	Ansonia,	12	48.00
Granite, - - -	36	Thomaston,	14	56.00
Moosup, - - -	37	Moosup,	11	44.00
Fine Franklin Chapter, No. 4, - - -				8.00
Charter Fee, Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 35, - - -				90.00
" " Granite Chapter, No. 36, - - -				90.00
" " Moosup " " 37, - - -				90.00
Total, - - -			230	\$1,198.00

The above is all the money received by me as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, from May 7th, 1872 to May 13th, 1873.

JOS. K. WHEELER,

Grand Secretary.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

HIRAM, No. 1, Newtown.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Thursdays in each month. Time of Annual Convocation, fourth Thursday in December.

OFFICERS.

Henry L. Wheeler, H. P.	Wm. T. Sanford, P. S.
James M. Blackman, K.	G. A. Houge, R. A. C.
Philo Nichols, S.	George Woffenden, 3rd V.
R. S. Blackman, Treas.	Samuel Barnum, 2nd V.
H. L. Beers, Sec'y.	Conrad Derlan, 1st V.
S. B. Wheeler, C. of H.	Conrad Derlan, Tyler.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Barnum, Samuel	Cree, Giles N.	Sanford, Paul J.
Beers, L. H.	Derlan, Conrad	Wheeler, H. L.
Blackman, R. S.	Hough, G. A.	Wheeler, S. B.
Blackman, J. M.	Horr, Wm. L.	Woffenden, G.
Brintnall, P. D.	Lane, John S.	Wright, L. J.
Camp, Geo. B.	Nichols, Philo G.	Wright, Thos. R. G.
Clark, A. F.	Sanford, Wm. I.	

FRANKLIN, No. 2, New Haven.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Tuesdays of each month, except July and August. Time of Annual Convocation, at the last stated Convocation in December.

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Skiff, H. P.
 Horatio G. Bronson, K.
 Chas. T. Linsley, S.
 Julius Tyler, Treas.
 Edwin W. Ensign, Sec'y.
 John G. Foster, C. of H.

James B. Toocker, P. S.
 Joseph Gile, R. A. C.
 Edward Butrick, 3rd V.
 Samuel Morris, 2nd V.
 John H. Platt, 1st V.
 Chas. E. Hooghkirk, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Wm. A. Beers,
 F. S. Andrew,
 Augustus C. Traeger,
 J. M. Marlin,
 Wm. E. Chandler,
 Geo. E. Nettleton,
 Joseph Gile,
 Edward C. Beecher,
 Walter Leigh,
 Lewis P. Bradley,
 Wm. W. Sperry,
 S. J. Wilcox,

John H. Platt,
 Joseph Andrews,
 Joseph E. Wyatte,
 J. E. Harding,
 Frederick B. Root,
 Walter W. Roemer,
 E. S. Gaylord,
 H. M. Leighton,
 Hezekiah McKinnie,
 Geo. M. White,
 Samuel H. Kirby,
 Charles H. Mead,

ADMITTED.

Francis Lobdell.

SUSPENDED.

Henry M. Bishop.

DIED.

Ira Merwin,
 Chas. Carlisle,
 John B. Hotchkiss,

Ralph I. Ingersoll,
 Lucius G. Peck,
 Leroy W. Finch,

REJECTED.

Henry C. Pardee,

Josiah I. M. Beach.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Armstrong, Peter L.
 Arnold, Ellery A.
 Adams, Enos O.
 Auger, George
 Atwater, J. J.

Ensign, Wooster A.
 Eisner, Jos. L.
 Earl, John E.
 Evarts, Harry
 Foot, Merritt

Prindle, Jos. S.
 Peck, Lorenzo B.
 Pratt, Dennis C.
 Porter, Horace P.
 Peck, Rob't C.

Anderson, Wm. D.	Foote, Geo. H.	Peterson, Geo. F.
Ashdown, George	Ford, G. A. W.	Phile, Jacob G.
Allen, Andrew	Freedman, Lewis H.	Peck, Henry H.
Andrews, Joseph	Finch, Lucius R.	Peck, Fred'k J.
Anthony, Joseph G.	Fisk, Hiram I.	Patterson, David H.
Adams, John	Fairchild, J. Murray	Platt, John H.
Asher, Lewis	Freund, Rev. John W.	Palmer, Wm. H.
Auger, John P.	Ferguson, Peter	Porter, Wm. T.
Armstrong, F. W.	Finch, Henry T.	Quintard, Eli S.
Anketell, John H.	Finch, E. L.	Root, Nathaniel I.
Armstrong, Edward M.	Frost, Herrick P.	Russell, Sam'l P.
Andrew, F. S.	Foote, Truman S.	Ruckoldt, Chas.
Brewer, Josiah	Foster, John G.	Rosenburg, Isaac
Bidwell, Marshal S.	Gilbert, Jr. Elijah	Russell, Henry S.
Bodwell, Anson G.	Gray, Joseph	Redfield, Edward W.
Bishop, Samuel	Gallagher, Patrick	Rounds, Marcus M.
Brown, Charles	Goodrich, John I.	Reed, Cassius H.
Baird, Andrew	Gould, Asahel E.	Read, Stephen D.
Bouton, Geo. B.	Gile, Joseph	Ruff, John
Bowman, Jr. Horace	Gaylord, E. S.	Root, Fred'k B.
Brown, Isaac W.	Hill, Benj. M.	Roemer, Walter W.
Brown, Henry	Hitchcock, Elihu	Storer, Alexander
Bird, Andrew J.	Hinman, Jesse L.	Storer, John F.
Bromley, I. H.	Hartley, Wm. M. B.	Storer, George
Bradley, John	Hullfish, Elias B.	Stoughton, Thos. B.
Backus, Chester H.	Howarth, Wm. S.	Sanford, Wm. E.
Baili, Lous	Hotchkiss, Wales	Sanford, Geo.
Blodgett, Rufus	Heller, Jacob	Sanford, Henry S.
Bigelow, Hobart B.	Hotchkiss, Andrew P.	Sanford, Edward I.
Benham, G. S.	Hall, N. B.	Sanford, Geo. P.
Bryan, Wm. D.	Hooghkirk, Chas. E.	Sanford, Nathan H.
Bragdon, Wm. W.	Harrison, Henry B.	Smith, Allyn N.
Bunce, Chas. H.	Hallenback, N. S.	Skiff, Chas. H.
Bundy, Jos. K.	Hilliard Lewis F.	Skiff, Chas. W.
Bigelow, Geo. W.	Hawkins, Thos. W.	Scranton, Geo. H.
Brooks, Geo. A.	Hayden, John C.	Scranton, H. Lee
Bishop, Leonard B.	Hull, Isaac C.	Simonds, Gustavus B.
Baldwin, M. E.	Hillhouse, Wm.	Sperry, Nehemiah D.
Bradley, Henry C.	Hobart, Geo. M.	Simmons, Jacob H.
Bishop, D. T.	Hurle, Thos.	Stark, Wm. L.
Bidwell, G. W.	Huntington, Chas. E.	Smith, Augustus
Bronson, Horatio G.	Hull, P. G.	Sanger, David B.
Brown, Wm. H.	Hotchkiss, E. E.	Shelton, Wm. R.
Bradley, H. L.	Herrick, Chas. C.	Stanley, Edwin T.
Bishop, Lent	Hyde, Wm. W.	Southworth, John H.

Ball, Augustus A.	Howe, Homer W.	Scott, Samuel T.
Barber, Chas. L.	Hubbard, Wm. H.	Shubert, Geo. A.
Beecher, Geo. H.	Holman, Wm.	Stevens, Stiles
Brocket, A. E.	Hayden, John H.	Smith, Geo. A.
Barnes, Hiram H.	Hutchinson, John R.	Sears, Wm. H.
Bullivant, Isaac H.	Harding, J. E.	Smith, C. Longstreet
Brockseiper, F. W.	Ingersoll, Collin M.	Skiff, Paul C.
Brooks, Chas. J.	Ives, Geo. W.	Stone, Benjamin W.
Brinsmade, Edward D.	Johnson, David T.	Scranton, Edward S.
Brown, Reuben H.	Johnson, Sam'l B.	Sloat, Frank D.
Brown, David R.	Johnson, James C.	Stockman, J. O.
Bethell, A. J.	Johnston, Wm.	Sperry, Lucien W.
Broomer, George	Jones, Sam'l K.	Stannard, Essi
Butrick, Edward	Jennison, E. S.	Spencer, James E.
Bradley, Lyman	Joyce, Jos. L.	Sperry, George P.
Branch, Rev. Henry	Johnson, Albert M.	Smith, Wm. H.
Brown F. H.	Jewett, Jos. W.	Smith, John M.
Beers, Wm. A.	Keeler, James	Sutton, Henry
Beecher, Edward C.	Keeler, Augustus S.	Scovill, H. C.
Bradley, Lewis P.	Kirkwood, James S.	Shields, John F.
Child, Linns	Kimball, John C.	Smith, Henry
Colt, Anson T.	Kimball, H. I.	Smith, Geo. W.
Converse, Sherman	Kittridge, Geo. W.	Sonenburg, Michael
Chase, Benj.	Keisele, Augustus	Slater, Chauncey, M.
Carrington, John P.	Kimberly, Enos S.	Smith, Elsworth A
Chandler, Noah	Knapp, Henry C.	Sanders, Thos.
Candee, Cyrenus,	Kirkham, C. C.	Sperry, Wm. W.
Clark, James L.	Kelsey, Jarvis E.	Spencer, Wm. W.
Chapin, L. C.	Kirby, Sam'l H.	Shearlock, Jos. G.
Cahn, Salle	Leffingwell, E. H.	Smith, C. M.
Calhoun, David P.	Love, Chas.	Stoddard, L. L.
Calhoun, Fred'k. J.	Lovis, Geo.	Stafford, Wm.
Candee, John D.	Lawton, Thos.	Scofield, Jos. S.
Carpenter, T. B.	Leroux, Paul	Turner, Francois
Chard, John E.	Leforge, James H.	Thompson, Chas. S.
Cox, Thomas M.	Lyon, Marcus	Thompson, A. C.
Carpenter, W. M.	Lyon, Chas. H.	Tuttle, 2d, Wm.
Charmley, Wm. S.	Leeds, James H.	Thomas, Serino S.
Calkins, Thos. L.	Lines, John M.	Tyler, Julius
Cook, David	Lane, Horatio H.	Thomas, Lucius A.
Cook, George	Lounsbury, I. W.	Townsend, James M.
Crabtree, George	Lockwood, Chas. F.	Treadway, Augustine R.
Cummins, John R.	Lindsley, Chas. A.	Tobin, John
Chatfield, Philo	Lantry, Victor G.	Tobey, James
Conklin, Jas. H.	Loomis, D. A.	Totten, Thos. H.

Clark, Hirman D.	Lane, F. A.	Topping, Rob't R.
Canfield, Sam'l D.	Leonard, Milton S.	Thomas, David S.
Cowan, Andrew	Latham, Jos. A.	Traeger, A. C.
Coburn, James H.	Linsley, Chas. T.	Thomas, Lewis
Coburn Alex. H.	Lundberg, Frederick	Thompson, S. S.
Coburn Wm. F.	Leigh, Walter	Tuttle, Nathan H.
Clayton, Wm. N.	Leighton, Hativell M.	Towner, J. Edwin
Canfield, Edward M.	Mitchel, Edward A.	Tyler, Jr. Julius
Converse Wm. W.	Munson, Amos	Thompson, Giles G.
Cornwall, Thos. E.	Mansfield, Benj. F.	Thorpe, Theron B.
Caldwell, Geo. T.	Marsh, A. E.	Toocker, James B.
Carroll, J. Halsted	Mailhouse, Jacob	Veader, James M.
Clinton, Uriah	Munson, Cyrus K.	Vogle, P. C.
Clark, Cyrus G.	Mason, Elisha	Vogle, Louis
Concklin, Geo. W.	Mason, Arthur	Willcox, Cyprian
Cowell, David	Merrills, John W.	Wadsworth, Henry S.
Cooper, Fredk. G.	Monahan, James	Werner, Theodore W.
Camp, Ellery	Mathewman, Chas. B.	Warriner, Sterling
Costules, Leonardo G.	Morgan, Rob't.	Wire, Samuel
Cowles, Edmund B.	*McWilliams, Alex.	Waldron, Abraham G.
Croft, Philo S.	Minor, Henry A.	Wood, Alonzo F.
Chandler, Wm. E.	Minor, Lyman D.	Warner, Sherman R.
Douglass, Hebron	Marlin, J. M.	Webster, Charles
Deming, John C.	McKinney, H.	Warner, Elial R.
Dyas, Robert	Mead, Chas. H.	Willard, Joseph W.
Deming, Henry J.	Neal, John	Waters, Robert H.
Dennis, Peter	Norton, Henry	Williams, John A. C.
Dibble, Ezra B.	Nash, Wm.	Williams, Wm. C.
Dickerman, T. P.	Neidlenger Frederick	Williams, Simeon
Donovan, J. O.	Nichols, Ward	Webb, Daniel M.
Deming, Lucius P.	North, Wm. B.	Warner, Burton G.
Drew, Stephen M.	Newcomb, Geo. F.	Willcox, W. W.
Daggett, Alfred	Norton, R. W.	Wells, Charles R.
Dickson, S. R.	Nellis, Edward A.	Waldron, Frederick H.
Doolittle, Elkanah	Nolan, John H.	Walters, James W.
Dewell, James D.	Nettleton, Geo. E.	Willcox, Nathan A.
Downing, Geo. O.	Ostrander, Allen	Wait, Frank D.
Dawson, Edward W.	Osmond, Eugene	Warner, Wm. L.
Durand, Edward A.	Osborne, Arthur D.	Weil, Paul
Dawson, Henry W.	Osborn, Lewis	Willcox, S. J.
Davison, Dan Alfred	Ostenveis, Lewis	Wyatte, Joseph E.
Ensign, Edwin W.	Pease, Obadiah	White, George M.
Ensign, Howard B.	Pinkerman, Phillip A.	Zorkowski, Mark
Ensign, Thos. W.	Phelps, James	

SOLOMON, No. 3, Birmingham.

Time of Stated Convocation, second Friday of each month, except July and August. Time of Annual Convocation, second Friday in December.

OFFICERS.

Henry Bradley, H. P.	Albert F. Sherwood, P. S.
John H. Barlow, K.	Charles A. Sprague, R. A. C.
Henry N. Beardsley, S.	J. W. Crowther, 3rd V.
William M. Hull, Treas.	Wm. K. Holmes, 2nd V.
Arthur R. Blakeslee, Sec'y.	John L. Beardsley, 1st V.
Edward M. Platt, C. of H.	John D. Whymbs, Tyler.

EXALTED.

John L. Beardsley,	Henry C. Rogers,
J. M. Whitlock,	Wm. A. Bull,
	Frederick Harris,

ADMITTED.

Edwin H. Putnam,

WITHDRAWN.

Truman B. Smith,	Henry A. Shipman,
Willett Bradley,	Charles L. Hill,
Samuel A. Cotter,	Joseph A. Bunnell,
James P. Cotter,	John A. Bland,
Thomas Wallace, Jr.,	George E. Somers,
John Cowell,	Stephen D. Russell,
George Hall,	Edwin Smith,
Hurleigh Skinner,	Henry A. Rider,
Hyland W. Granger,	Samuel H. Canfield,
Edwin Ellis,	Ebenezer W. Lynde,
E. H. Payne,	Wales Terrell,
John E. Remer,	Samuel P. Davis,
John H. Hall,	Thomas James,
W. W. Steele,	Cornelius W. James,
Reuben H. Tucker,	Josiah H. Whiting,
Peter B. Mackey,	George Otto Schneller,
Robert T. Merritt,	Hobart Sperry,
Joseph P. Wilcoxson,	John Lindley,
Benjamin Nichols,	Robert Hoadley,

Rev. George H. Goodsell.

DIED.

Theodore Atwater.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Adams, Wm. H.	Dutton, Thomas A.	Remer, Edwin C.
Arnold, Joseph	Davis, Marcus	Rubert, Charles B.
Atwater, Henry	Day, Austin G.	Reeves, John
Blakeman, George	Davidson, Charles	Raymond, O. W.
Bradley, Henry	Downs, William E.	Rogers, Clark N.
Bangs, Frank D.	Downes, William S.	Rogers, Henry C.
Baier, George	Deacon, William	Shelton, Lewis
Bassett, Charles L.	Elmes, Thomas	Storrs, Ashbel
Barlow, John H.	Eastwood, Alonzo D.	Sweet, James
Blakeslee, Arthur R.	French, Louis	Smith, Isaac C.
Boyd, David W.	Gates, Robert	Stow, Urban C.
Buckingham, Daniel	Gillette, Francis R.	Spring, George M.
Bowen, Horace	Gray, Roger M.	Smith, Edwin C.
Baird, Jr., James W.	Gabriel, Peter,	Storrs, William N.
Beardsley, Edward M.	Gates, Robert O.	Sharpe, William C.
Bassett, Theodore S.	Hull, William M.	Storrs, John W.
Beardsley, Edward	Hale, Joseph	Smith, George T.
Burns, William E.	Hewitt, Alvin E.	Stowe, Frederick H.
Burr, Charles H.	Higby, James T.	Sherwood, Albert F.
Beard, Theodore E.	Holyoke, Alfred	Stoddard, William B.
Beardsley, Henry N.	Holmes, William K.	Sprague, Charles A.
Birdseye, Isaac W.	Harris, Frederick	Sterling, Charles F.
Bristol Henry J.	Johnson, William H.	Treat, Nathan C.
Beardsley, John L.	Leininger, Adam	Tucker, David
Bull, William A.	Lockwood, De Witt C.	Treat, Leverette B.
Chatfield, Oliver S.	Lum, Albert W.	Treat, Charles H.
Curtiss, Calvin	Moody, Edwin	Van Horn, Charles
Camp, L. C.	Mathews, Ransom	Wooster, D. Porter
Chatfield, Clark	Mitchell, William G.	Whipple, Henry
Chamberlain, N. H.	McRea, Edward G.	Warner, Marvin
Clark, George W.	Naramore, Robert C.	Wooster, Thomas A.
Chapin, Silas	Nathan, David	Whymbs, John D.
Colt, Charles F.	Potter, Joel A.	Weaver, Jabez
Clark, John T.	Peck, George A.	Wood, George F.
Castle, De Witt C.	Prindle, Charles W.	Whitlock, David F.
Carbary, Charles	Phillips, Albert W.	Whitlock, Sturges
Clark, Stiles M.	Patrick, Noah J.	Whitlock, Joseph M.
Cornell, Thomas L.	Platt, Edward M.	Wells, George W.
Crowther, James W.	Putnam, Edwin H.	Young, John

FRANKLIN, No. 4, Norwich.

Time of Stated Convocation, second Tuesday in each month. Time of Annual Convocation, second Tuesday in January.

OFFICERS.

Increase W. Carpenter, H. P.
Lloyd M. Cobb, K.
Chester W. Converse, S.
Austin Brewster, Treas.
John Benson, Sec'y.
Elias M. Brewster, C. of H.

James Kirker, P. S.
Daniel M. Lester, R. A. C.
Currie Gilmour, 3d V.,
John Irish, 2d V.
William H. Hovey, 1st V.
Edward Capron, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Robert A. France,
Pliny Lyon,
John C. Monroe,
William A. Sherman,
L. M. Logee,
Thomas E. Lee,
George N. Chapman,
George E. Bacheldor,

Joseph M. Burdick,
Albert H. Matteson,
Burril W. Hyde,
S. Alphews Gilbert,
Elisha P. Slocum,
Ebenezer Fuller,
William B. Young,
Joseph W. Gilbert.

ADMITTED.

John D. Gallup,

Angello De Prosse.

WITHDRAWN.

Robert Geer,

John D. Edmond,
Horace Hoxie.

DIED.

Thomas W. Kingston,

Luther Pellett,
Dr. Levi Warren.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP

Avery, Wm. W.
Allen, J. W.
Andrews, P. St. M.

Dorrance, John R.
Denison, Charles F.
Dyer, Charles E.

Manning, Alfred C.
Merrill, William J.
Miller, John P.

Almy, J. H.	Dolbeare, Christopher R.	Monroe John C.
Ambler, Russel P.	Dillaby, Charles H.	Matteson, Albert H.
Allen, Joseph S.	Devotion, John L.	Martin George H.
Avery, Prentice	Eaglesham, George	McCord, James J.
Albro, Henry C.	Eells, Edward W.	Nichols, John
Armstrong, James M.	Evans, James	Newton, D. H.
Adams, Daniel F.	Furnes, Geo. W.	Newton, James W.
Brewer, Joseph K.	Fox, John J.	Nash, Jr. Asa,
Brewer, William L.	Frank, Adolph R.	Osgood, Hugh H.
Bill, Henry	Fanning, Frederick H.	Priest, Joseph S.
Bussey, Jr. James	France, Robert A.	Prentice, Daniel M.
Boyd, William H.	Fuller, Ebenezer	Pettit, William B.
Branch, Ellsha P.	Fowler, Eli G.	Partridge, A. J.
Bond, William	Fargo, Henry	Patridge, E. B.
Brand, Christopher C.	Goodman, Louis J.	Parker, Robert B.
Bulkely, S. S.	Glover, William H.	Phelps, George F.
Bill, A. W.	Gardner, U. S.	Pratt, George H.
Black, Charles E.	Geer, George W.	Pressey, Isaac N.
Brady, Henry B.	Graves, Oliver D.	Plaut, Isaac
Brady, John G.	Gladwin, A. R.	Plaut, Abraham
Benson, John	Gale, David L.	Parker, Hy. L.
Bliven, James B.	Graham, George H.	Robinson, Thomas
Benjamin, Asa	Gibbs, Azel W.	Roath, Edwin N.
Byrnes, Thomas	Gilbert, Nathan S.	Roath, Isaac H.
Brewster, Austin	Gladwin, Stephen N.	Rawson, Calvin G.
Bugbee, George W.	Gillis, Daniel	Reynolds, George
Barrows, Henry E.	Greenbank, Thomas H.	Rogers, F. W. H.
Bidwell, Francis A.	Gould, Augustus	Roath, H. Hobart
Brown, Robert	Geer, Abram	Roath, Henry Heman
Bowers, Henry E.	Gilmour, Currie	Rice, Oliver P.
Babcock, William A.	Gilmour, Jr. David,	Remington, S. T.
Bent, Martin F.	Gay, Benajah M.	Rogers, Bradford H.
Brown, John T.	Gallup, John D.	Ripley, John C.
Bracewell, William	Gilbert, Joseph W.	Rogers, Edward P.
Bushnell, Richard T.	Gilbert, S. Alpheus.	Sholney, Morris
Blair, James E.	Gale, John H.	Shaw, John B.
Beckwith, Elias H.	Hedge, Washington L.	Streeter, Roswell B.
Brewster, Elias M.	Hinckley, J. Grant	Stedman, John W.
Banks, Rev. David F.	Hinckley, Dwight B.	Strong, D. O.
Brown, Benjamin	Harland, Edward	Seldon, Joseph
Bentley, George F.	Hyde, Simeon P.	Small, Nathan
Beswick, Jr. John	Hinckley, William H.	Sevin, Nathan D.
Bishop, Wesley W.	Huntington, Henry G.	Strickland, Thomas
Bishop, Edson S.	Harkness, Ellis	Smith, Lorin
Bigelow, Charles F.	Harris, George A.	Spalding, Edwin

Beckwith, Ansel A.	Hall, Samuel G.	Sears, Myron
Browning, Hiram B.	Hunt, Frank W.	Scott, Charles W.
Baum, Samuel	Harris, Charles R.	Smith, Albert D.
Burdick, Joseph M.	Hillard, Luke	Stevens, Robert
Bachelder, George E.	Hubbard, Daniel K.	Sherman, William W.
Beck, Leonard M.	Hovey, William H.	Slocum, Elisha P.
Corning, C. R.	Hyde, Burrell W.	Standish, Nathan
Case, John G.	Hoyt, James H.	Sylvester, Steven L.
Cook, Calvin G.	Hovey, Henry	Thomson, John
Child, Calvin G.	Irish, John	Turner, Isaac
Crosby, Hiram B.	Johnson, Edgar D.	Upham, Frederick
Clapp, William W.	Jillson, Seth	Verguson, J. H.
Chester, Leonard H.	Jeffery, Joseph J.	White, A. F.
Carter, Charles W.	Johnson, Joseph L.	Ward, Horatio N.
Cobb, Amos E.	Johnson, Edwin C.	Wright, Daniel
Cook, Hiram	Kingsley, Charles A.	Wade, John L.
Champlin, Joseph E.	Kane, James C.	Whittaker, Horace
Crandall, Phineas	Kennedy, A.	Wait, John T.
Clark, Rev. Edgar F.	Kingsley, Thos. G.	Whittemore, Benjamin
Cobb, Lloyd M.	Kuker, James	Whittemore, Benj. B.
Cardwell, William H.	Leonard, Isaac N.	Whitney, Quincy
Carleton, Charles M.	Leland, George A.	Whaley, Stephen F.
Capron, Edward	Ladd, Rufus M.	Whittemore, N. H.
Cook, William A.	Lewis, Rev. John	Willoughby, A. P.
Converse, Alouzo	Lippitt, Norrie G.	Wait, Joseph J.
Champlin, Francis I.	Lippitt, Costello	Williams, Sidney D.
Converse, Chester W.	Lester, Daniel M.	Wetmore, Thomas T.
Copp, William Hobart	Lyon, Pliny	Woodman, William D.
Cunliff, Lemuel H.	Lee, Thomas E.	Whaley, William H.
Cobb, Jr. Charles H.	Logee, L. M.	Williams, John H.
Chapman, Enoch F.	Lyman, Daniel D.	Woodworth, Elias
Church, Bishop S.	McCall, A. Dwight	Williams, Thomas E.
Chapman, George N.	Meyers, Jacob L.	Walker, James
Carpenter, Increase W.	Mowry, James D.	Winters, Charles J.
Davis, Francis	Moore, David	Wells, Francis A.
De Prossie, Angelo M.	Moore, George H.	Webb, William H.
Danielson, James W.	May, Geo. A.	Wilson, John
Danielson, Charles L.	Mitchel, Henry	Williams, John H.
Dimock, Rufus M.	Mershon, Jacob B.	Young, William B.

WASHINGTON, No. 6, Middletown.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Wednesday of each month.
 Time of Annual Convocation, first Wednesday in December.

OFFICERS.

Flavel N. Bliss, H. P.	Gilbert R. Burdic, C. of H.
John V. Adams, K.	Charles W. Stearns, P. S.
Daniel S. Johnson, S.	Charles W. Harris, R. A. C.
Elijah Ackley, Treas.	Samuel S. Johnson, 3d V.
Clarence E. Atkins, Sec'y.	Elmore Penfield, 2d V.
	D. Newland Davis, 1st V.

EXALTED.

N. G. Sherman,	John R. Pitt, Jr.,
Benjamin S. Clark,	Wallace Pease,
Edwin C. Gould,	George Senior.

DIED.

F. J. Goodwin.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Ackley, Elijah	Davis, D. Newland	Palmer, Mallory
Adams, John V.	Edwards, Charles H.	Penfield, Elmore
Addis, William I.	Edwards, Perry	Pierce, William S.
Alexander, Luke	Fagan, Charles R.	Phelps, Ed. C.
Allison, Abel C.	Fagan, William H.	Pitt, Jr. John R.
Andrus, M. D.	Ferree, Frank E.	Pease, Wallace
Andrews, William W.	Ferree, James C.	Roberts, Jacob
Avery, John	Fitch, Charles D.	Roberts, John L. S.
Atkins, Clarence E.	Flagg, Fred W.	Rogers, William C.
Bailey, John S.	Frankfort, Eugene	Sage, B. Y.
Barton, Hiram	Furnis, Edward	Sage, D. C.
Bailey, Edgar L.	Gardiner, Ira L.	Savage, E. B.
Beeman, Edgar C.	Gould, Edwin C.	Shay, William
Bellows, Stephen H.	Hall, Alfred	Smith, Alfred O.
Bishop, George H.	Hamilton, William	Smith, Otis A.
Bidwell, James E.	Harris, Charles W.	Smith, Frank C.
Bidwell, Charles B.	Holmes, Charles E. L.	Smith, James S.
Bowdish, W. W.	Hubbard, Gaston F.	Sherman, N. G.
Boardman, Horace F.	Johnson, Daniel S.	Senior, George
Bradley, Ahas	Johnson, Samuel S.	Southmayd, Horace
Bradley, Elliott	Johnson, John A.	Stanciff, Geo.
Bliss, Flavel N.	Kilbourne, Jona.	Smith, W. R.
Bronson, J. Perry	Kilbourne, Jonathan B.	Stiles, Norman C.
Bolton, Francis	Kirk, Henry	Stevens, Charles
Burdick, Gilbert R.	Kirk, Samuel J.	Stearns, Jr. Samuel
Calef, Arthur B.	King, Charles A.	Stearns, Henry O.

Camp, F. E.	Leonard, George W.	Stearns, Charles W.
Chafee, George A.	Markham, George F.	Spencer, Roswell D.
Chase, Francis C.	Maynard, Lucius E.	Spencer, Robert E.
Chapman, Edward A.	Miller, George R.	Strauss, Leopold
Clark, Horace	Miller, Charles I.	Thomas, Halsey
Clark, Robert M.	McLean, D. N.	Travers, John
Corey, Sylvester A.	McFarland, Wm. W.	Truscott, John
Cooley, William	Mathison, Arthur W.	Thomas, John A.
Coe, Frank B.	Neale, David J.	Vansands, Lot D.
Crittenden, Albert R.	Nichols, W. H.	Vinal, Leonidas C.
Clark, Benjamin S.	Osborne, J. H.	Veasey, Warren
Daniels, Nelson C.	Parkhurst, Edward G.	Ward, Merrils
Dean, Woodward	Pelton, John G.	Wells, George W.
Deming, Ernest	Plumb, Seth H.	Whittlesey, Charles
Dessauer, Jacob	Plumb, H. Selden	Wilbur, John L.
Dickinson, John S.	Powers, J. Hale	Wilcox, John O.
Douglas, George F.	Pratt, George M.	Woodward, Henry

Union, No. 7, New London.

Time of Stated Convocation, second Monday of each month. Time of Annual Convocation, second Monday in January.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Fenwick, H. P.	Charles Corning, P. S.
David Sprague, K.	Oscar Reeves, R. A. C.
Bernard L. Lynch, S.	F. P. Kenyon, 3d V.
Alexander Merrill, Treas.	George Strong, Jr., 2d N.
William H. Morris, Jr., Sec'y.	Owen C. Williams, 1st V.
Philo B. Hoover, C. of H.	N. R. Chappell, Tyler.

EXALTED.

W. V. Tuxbury,	George W. Potter,
Phillip C. Dunford.	

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Addams, Robert	Feldman, Henry	Pease, William H.
Albertson, James M.	Frankan, Nathan	Prince, Edward
Allen, Henry N.	Foot, Nathaniel	Phillips, Lester H.
Allen, William H.	Fox, W. K.	Palmer, F. A.
Belcher, William	Freeman, R. P.	Potter George W.
Babcock, Luke	Fenwick, Alfred	Rogers, 3d. James
Barrows, Hubbard	Fox, Christopher H.	Rogers, Jeremiah

Brown, George W.	Fraser, Daniel	Rogers, John F.
Barry, Carlos	Fuller, George W.	Rogers, Martin S.
Baker, James W.	Frink, Edwin	Rogers, J. H.
Bridgham, H. C.	Goddard, George W.	Richmond, Elijah
Barnes, Samuel D.	Gallup, A. O.	Rathbun, Nathan
Beckwith, Jason	Gordon, John	Reeves, William O.
Browne, W. R.	Gardner, H. R.	Rowe, Edward B.
Barrows, George S.	Gardner, Thomas W.	Richards, L. B.
Bailey, William W.	Gardner, W. K.	Richards, Nathan
Benjamin, William J.	Gard, A. B.	Rose, R. M.
Berry, John H.	Gilbert, A. J.	Rose, O. A. V.
Bellows, Dexter	Geer, George T.	Smith, John
Bartlett, H. S.	Haughton, John W.	Smith, Franklin
Budde, William H.	Hughes, ———	Smith, O. F.
Brown, E. T.	Hickox, Gulien G.	Smith, Seth
Bishop, Chester K.	Harris, J. N.	Smith, William M.
Brown, H. A.	Hovey, Philo B.	Smith, Robert B.
Brainerd, L. W.	Hempstead, Elias	Smith, George H.
Bliss, John H.	Hewitt, Elisha A.	Smith, Ezra C.
Bentley, William H.	Hicks, A. W.	Smith, Fred W.
Blood, C. F. E.	Hewitt, A. W.	Smith, Ed. F.
Beckwith, H. C.	Hempstead, Lyman P.	Shepard, C. I.
Brown, R. W.	Hewitt, Henry P.	Sprague, David
Beckwith, Henry C.	Heath, John H.	Spaulding, Asa D.
Blaskopf, Henry M.	Kimball, Royal J.	Sprier, Silas
Chapel, Charles B.	Knowles, Samuel E.	Strong, Jr. George
Clark, C. H.	Knowles, C. M.	Starr, George E.
Clark, Edward	Kenyon, F. P.	Schofield, Ira V.
Corning, Charles	Lawrence, Joseph J.	Spencer, L. L.
Cranker, James	Lax, Leverett	Styer, J. N.
Caulkins, Daniel	Lamb, Lyman	Spooner, Charles C.
Campbell, James	Latham, James M.	Stocking, H. E.
Crowell, Gilbert	Long, Thomas	Strickland, Charles A.
Carberry, J. C.	Lynch, Bernard L.	Stebbens, James
Caswell, Thomas R.	Lyman, Charles D.	Treb, George W.
Chapell, N. R.	Merriam, J. R.	Tate, William B.
Colburn, G. S.	Miller, Albert	Tinker, Daniel
Crocker, H. W.	Merrill, Alexander	Terry, J. K.
Clark, Charles C.	Morgan, Eljah	Tillinghast, Alex.
Cranston, W. H.	McGowan, Franklin	Thomas, William B.
Cone, James H.	Morgan, Henry W.	Tinker, Roswell W.
Dawson, Robert G.	Miller, John	Tubbs, William H.
Douglass, Elisha	Martin, William T.	Tuxbury, W. V.
Daboll, Charles M.	Morris, Jr. William H.	Vodwarka, Jos. F.
Daboll, John	Miner, William W.	Walker, O. F.

Delanoy, Edwin A.	Niles, N. H.	Wiley, Hiram
Daboll, Ezra	Nelson, Abiel W.	Williams, James M.
Denison, William	Porter, John L.	Waldo, J. C.
Dagg, John	Perkins, John A.	Wilcox, Benjamin F.
Darrow, John E.	Perkins, Thomas W.	Walker, Fred M.
Darrow, Moses	Pratt, Dean	Williams, Thomas
Douglass, Horace	Packard, J. G.	Williams, James T.
Drummond, Thomas	Pomeroy, G. P.	Williams, George
Dunford, Phillip C.	Perkins, Fred W.	Whittemore, R. E.
Erven, George H.	Parmelee, Fred H.	Watrous, B. P.
French, Charles	Page, Elien B.	
Fickett, S. H.	Pollock, D. B.	

TRINITY, No. 9, Williamantic.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Thursdays of each month, except July and August. Time of Annual Convocation, fourth Thursday in April.

OFFICERS.

Charles S. Billings, H. P.	Hiram E. Conant, P. S.
Orlando D. Brown, K.	Ebenezer Baker, R. A. C.
Jephthah Harris, S.	Earl S. Cranston, 3d V.
Charles E. Congdon, Treas.	Ellery D. Burnham, 2d V.
Chester Tilden, Sec'y.	Henry A. Larkin, 1st V.
Alonzo S. Barber, C. of H.	William Thompson, Tyler.

EXALTED.

William E. Bullard,	Eugene Atwood.
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WITHDRAWN.

Henry Hendrick,	Horace E. Balcum.
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DIED.

Rev. Chester Tilden.

RITTENHOUSE, No. 11, Stamford.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Thursday of each month
Time of Annual Convocation, last Stated Convocation preceeding the
festival of St. John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS.

Sipsco Stevens, H. P.
 George L. Lounds, K.
 William H. Adair, S.
 Theodore Leeds, Treas.
 Warren B. Stetson, Sec'y.
 Charles E. Holly, C. of H.

Edwin S. Holly, P. S.
 Roswell Hoyt, R. A. C.
 Charles M. Holly, 3d V.
 Ambrose Richards, 2d U.
 Edroy. F. Morris, 1st V.
 Francis E. Morris, Tyler.

EXALTED.

David R. Harford.

Joseph W. Ketcham.
 Warren H. Taylor.

WITHDRAWN.

George C. Peck.

DIED.

Joseph L. Leeds.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Adair, William H.	Hudson, Henry W.	Quintard, Jr. Isaac
Allis, Wells,	Irving, John	Quintard, Seth P.
Barker, William T.	Jacobs, Phineas S.	Renoude, Jarvis
Birk, Charles H.	Jones, Norman D.	Richards, Ambrose
Boyd, James N.	Judd, Alfred B.	Richards, Rufus
Clark, Andrew	Ketcham, Joseph W.	Scofield, Charles H.
Clark, Philip M.	Leeds, Edward A.	Scofield, Robert B.
Colgrove, Veder	Leeds, John W.	Selleck, Stephen
Crawford, James S.	Leeds, Theodore	Selleck, William E.
Cummings, Curtis C.	Leonard, George B.	Shufeldt, Robert W.
Dayton, William H.	Lewis, John N.	Smith, Benjamin P.
Des Brisav, Rev. W. A.	Lindgreen, John	Smith, Charles E.
De Tuberia, I.	Lockwood, George	Smith, Charles W.
Ferris, Joshua B.	Lockwood, J. E.	Stebbins, J. N.
Fox, Jacob	Lockwood, Luke A.	Stetson, Warren B.
French, Rev. Lewis	Lockwood, Reuben B.	Stevens, Sipsco
Gage Samuel	Lounds George L.	St. John, John
Glendining, George B.	Lounds, James O.	Swartwout, J. H.
Glendining, George W.	Mead, T. H.	Talmadge, William H.
Goff, George M.	Merrick, Charles H.	Taylor, Warren H.
Haight, Nath'l D.	Minor, Robert C.	Trowbridge, Wm. H.
Harford, David R.	Morgan, Thomas	Twiss, J. J.
Herzog, Theobold	Morris, Edwy F.	Tyler, Hiram A.

Hews, Edward B.	Morris, Francis E.	Vorhies, Alonzo W.
Holly, Alfred A.	Morrison, Samuel C.	Wardwell, Charles W.
Holly, Charles E.	Nichols, Charles H.	Waugh, Dwight
Holly, Charles M.	Nye, Sylvester H.	Webb, John N.
Holly, Edwin S.	Olmstead, James H.	Wellstood, Robert
Horan, James J.	Palmer, James M.	Wellstood, William M.
Hoyt, George D.	Peck, Joseph	Wolf, Rev. Francis S.
Hoyt, Philip L.	Prall, John T.	Woodman, Henry
Hoyt, Roswell	Quintard, Edward A.	

WARREN, No. 12, Killingly.

Time of Stated Convocation, third Tuesday in April, June, August, October, December and February. Time of Annual Convocation, third Tuesday in April.

OFFICERS.

Orrin J. Lewis, H. P.	Henry Bucklin, P. S.
Eugene H. Fuller, K.	Esquire B. Miller, R. A. C.
Paris H. Aldrich, S.	Penuel H. Sprague, 3d V.
G. Warren Webster, Treas.	Albert H. Hines, 2d V.
Mowry Amsbury, Sec'y.	Darius Day, 1st V.
Charles D. Torrey, C. of H.	Samuel P. Tucker, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Isaac H. Babson,	Stephen O. Brown.
Marvin H. Sanger.	Paris H. Aldrich,
F. A. Shumway,	Charles H. Leroy,
Sydney B. Frost,	Charles D. Torrey.
	Henry O. Preston.

EXPELLED.

Henry S. Chapman.

WITHDRAWN.

Jonathan Goodin,	Andrew Potter,
George H. Lovegrove,	Aaron T. Walker,
Frank S. Burgess,	Phillip Matthewson,
James S. Atwood,	G. W. Bussy,
John D. Rood,	W. J. Cross,
George H. Smith,	George Sanderson,
James Pike,	Marvin H. Sanger,
Frank W. Spaulding,	John H. Bennett,

DIED.

John W. Wells,

William W. Holmes.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Amsbury, Mowry	Fisher, Charles N.	Monry, R. W.
Arnold, William J.	Fenner, Samuel M.	Northrop, Frederick E.
Arnold, William H.	Fen, S. P.	Northrop, E. P.
Aldrich, Paris H.	Frost, Sidney B.	Northrop, Alex. H.
Bennett, Josiah	Fox, Findley M.	Oatlye, William H.
Bartlett, Willis	Gould, Joseph	Osgood, Israel
Babson, Isaac H.	Green, Joseph K.	Phillips, Gilbert W.
Baker, Warren H.	Griggs, Samuel H.	Palmer, Rev. Anthony
Bradford, Byron	Hopkins, H. M.	Prentice, Ephraim
Bartlett, Prescott	Hovey, Daniel A.	Preston, Henry O.
Bucklyn, Henry	Hammond, William P.	Rodgers, Rev. Geo. W.
Ballard, J. H.	Hill, Edwin A.	Reed, Alfred
Brown, Stephen O.	Himes, Albert H.	Rathbone, Emmery S.
Botham, James W.	Hyde, William E.	Smith, Stephen C.
Coe, Isaac H.	Hill, E. B.	Streeter, James S.
Candall, Edward L.	Jacobs, Oliver P.	Sabin, Ralph J.
Chapman, Benjamin F.	Joslin, William C.	Sprague, Penuel H.
Capwell, Thomas	Jacobs, Edward H.	Storrs, Aaron H.
Conant, Rev. H. W.	King, Rev. John D.	Sweet, Charles J.
Corbin, Artimus H.	Kennedy, Lorenzo M.	Seaton, James
Cummings, Rev. S. S.	King, Charles D.	Shumway, F. A.
Cummings, Silas M.	Leland, James P.	Tucker, William C.
Child, Merrick M.	Leland, James C. L.	Tucker, Jesse
Case, Rev. John W.	Lake, John	Tucker, Samuel P.
Clark, Rev. Robert	Lewis, Orrin J.	Tourtletott, William H.
Carpenter, Edward S.	Leroy, Charles H.	Torrey, Charles D.
Clark, Henry F.	Lyon, George H.	Underwood, Albert
Day, Darius	Mathewson, Rufus	Williams, Andrew A.
Emmerson, David	Marsh, Simeon B.	Webster, G. Warren
Eccles, John	Miller, Esquire B.	Waldo, John
Fenner, Samuel	Martin, J. W.	Wells, Erastus H.
Fuller, Uriel	Miller, Stephen R.	Webster, John E.
Field, William	Mathewson, Edward	Wheaton, George E.
Feeters, George S.	Miller, William I.	Wiley, Charles T.
Fuller, Eugene H.	Millett, E. M.	Wheaton, Henry A.
Farrows, Paine	Murry, William H.	

JERUSALEM, No. 13, Bridgeport.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Friday evenings. Time of Annual Convocation, December.

OFFICERS.

Stephen T. Bartlett, H. P.	Charles D. Milliken, P. S.
William J. Dorrance, K.	Irving J. Stevens, R. A. C.
Hugh Stirling, S.	Ralph A. Blood, 3d V.
William E. Seeley, Treas.	George Lawrence, 2d V.
Edwin I. Pyle, Sec'y.	Charles P. Gilbert, 1st V.
William H. Richards, C. of H.	Ernest Kehrner, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Edward J. Watson,	Alexander Leverty,
James W. Stewart,	Frederick H. McCoy,
	Francis Schmidlin.

WITHDRAWN.

D. F. Hoadley.

DIED.

George P. Sanborn,	John C. Blackman,
	George L. Hoyt.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Ayers, William M.	Griswold, George W.	Oakley, William B.
Allen, Marcus C.	Griswold, A. M.	Odholm, Andrew P.
Atwood, Edward A.	Green, Nathaniel	Osborn, Walter B.
Ambler, Franklin P.	Gould, James L.	Osborn, Isaac E.
Ambler, Charles	Gray, Sylvester H.	Preston, John
Ambler, George F.	Gregory, T. F.	Preston, W. R.
Alvord, J. D.	Gregory, George	Porter, J. H.
Abernethy, Augustus H.	Gerdemir, C. A.	Porter, H. H.
Beach, Henry B.	Gritman, C. R.	Pinkerman, William
Beach, A. S.	Gosham, John A.	Paterson, Samuel A
Bulkely, John W.	Gilbert, Charles P.	Peck, E. B.
Bandaw, J. D.	Hutchins, Thomas	Peck, John L.
Beck, Peter	Hepburn, William	Patchen, W. T.
Buckingham, Henry	Hoadley, William H.	Pardee, William
Beebe, Ward S.	Hough, R. Egerton	Pigg, Horace
Bunnell, William H.	Higby, William R.	Parsons, Asa S.
Bunnell, John W.	Hayward, William	Parsons, R. E.
Bunnell, George B.	Hayward, C. R.	Penfield, W. H.
Bailey, George	Hurd, L. Henry	Plimpton, Eugene C.
Benedict, A. N.	Hayden, Frederick	Perchner, R.
Benedict, Seth J.	Hawley, F. B.	Post, John H.

Barlow, William H.	Hawley, E. G.	Parker, Edward
Bartlett, Stephen T.	Hawley, Henry T.	Powell, J. A.
Burke, Andrew	Hawley, Daniel D.	Pyle, Edwin I.
Bolte, William H.	Hatch, Chauncey M.	Ruggles, John W.
Burton, C. W.	Hinman, C. M.	Raymond, George W.
Buss, Richard T.	House, James A.	Reid, Alexander
Buss, J. S.	Hochstiasser, Jesse N.	Riggs, Ebenezer D.
Beers, Lewis T.	Hall, Horatio H.	Roland, Daniel M.
Beers, Sturges D.	Hayes, M. P.	Richards, William H.
Beers, Henry J.	Heaton, Abram	Raymond, William F.
Bartram, William W.	Isbell, Mildred C.	Seeley, Joseph
Bassett, Rodney S.	Johnson, Sturges B.	Seeley, William E.
Bostwick, Daniel	Johnson, G. B.	Sanford, George S.
Bachelder, George H.	Joyce, Henry E.	Sterling, F.
Bartholomew, T. L.	Jennings, J. Fred.	Stirling, Hugh
Brill, Cyrenus T.	Kippen, William F.	Silliman, L. G.
Baldwin, A. A.	Knapp, I. M.	Stanton, R. E.
Botsford, M. K.	Knapp, A. H.	Smith, Isaac
Blood, Ralph A.	Knapp, R. C.	Smith, James D.
Baldwin, Henry C.	Kingman, S. C.	Smith, Samuel C.
Burrough, Charles D.	Kingman, O. P.	Smith, George W.
Carlton, Isaac H.	Knowlton, J. W.	Stratton, Charles S.
Clark, David W.	Kehrer, Ernest	Sturges, William D.
Clarke, Franche H.	Klein, Moses	Sturges, Henry
Clark, John B.	Kelles, A. A.	Sumner, Samuel B.
Clark, Robert T.	Keppy, Frederick	Stevens, John G.
Cooper, William H.	Lum, William	Stevens, Francis H.
Crossley, Thomas	Lord, William H.	Stevens, Irving J.
Carr, James	Lacey, George G.	Snyder, William B.
Curtis, Joseph L.	Lacey, John F.	Smend, M.
Curtis, J. B.	Lewis, Oscar P.	Sherman, Charles H.
Coggshall, C. A.	Lewis, A. P.	Sherman, P. B.
Coventry, John C.	Lewis, Benjamin F.	Sherwood, H. C.
Carpenter, E. R.	Lewis, William A.	Stamp, Sidney G.
Cole, Davis S.	Lewis, N. W.	Story, John W.
Carrier, A. J.	Ludington, L. E.	Swenson, Gustavus
Coon, Marcus	Larkin, Samuel	Stimson, Bradley W.
Coit, Forrester	Laurence, George	Sailer, Frederic
Colon, George W.	Lyon, William C.	Sterling, Henry S.
Campbell, John S.	Lee, Gurdon B.	Sherwood, Elisha C.
Cornwall, John	Lathrop, Thomas S.	Stewart, James H.
Curtis, Henry B.	Lauther, A. B.	Schmidlin, Francis
Dimon, Bradley	Leake, Benjamin T.	Thompson, Eli
Diamond, Matthew	Lyman, Norman	Thompson, David W.
Dimond, George H.	Lawton, Frank P.	Thompson, Sylvester M.

Dunham, James E.	Livingston, Robert C.	Thompson, William B.
Dewhurst, James E.	Leverly, Alexander	Thompson, Albert
Deveau, Theodore	McGregor, R.	Trubee, Daniel
Dorey, William	McDonald, Daniel	Treat, George D.
Dorman, Nelson E.	McCulley, John S.	Treat, Amos S.
DeForrest, Lockw'd N.	McNeil, Charles H.	Taylor, Charles A.
Davis, Andrew J.	Mills, David L.	Turner, Charles R.
Dewey, William L.	Mills, William H.	Thorp, F. B.
Dolph, E. W.	Mills, Robert H.	Thorp, Samuel B.
Dorrance, William J.	Mills, David C.	Ufford, Fred H.
Downs, Charles G.	Mollan, Malcolm	Whiting, John H.
Disbrow, William A.	Morris, Dwight	Whiting, Seymour
Ellison, Fredrick	Morris, Sheldon	Whiting, Ezra
Erekson, Ole	Morris, John H.	Whitney, George B.
Ely, S. W.	Morris, William P.	Wallace, John
Edwards, Charles W.	Mason, Joseph	Wallace, Aaron W.
Fox, Charles	Mason, Richard	Waterous, R. G.
Fox, Charles W.	Mead, George C.	Webb, Charles
Ferguson, S. B.	Marble, W. S.	Wilson, James
Fowler, Anderson W.	Mallett, Lorenzo N.	Wells, Nathan B.
Frye, Fred.	Milliken, Charles D.	Wells, Charles S.
Fuller, Amos	Mayne George A.	Waterhouse, William
Ferris, John J.	Murphy, Albert E.	Waters, John
Frake, A.	Matson, Z.	White, James E.
Fitzgerald, James M.	McCoy, Fred W.	White, John A.
French, Stephen	Nevens, Thomas J.	Wilmot, Charles E.
Fancher, Sherman	Naramore, Wm. W.	Wood, Daniel C.
Fox, William H.	Nevers, Walter C.	Williams, W. H.
Fletcher, Charles	Nelson, James H.	Whiting, Lasper
Grounderson, Peter	Nelson, S.	Watson, Edward J.
Goodsell, Zalmon	Norton, Wilfred E.	Zimmerman, Wm. H.
Goodsell, E. B.		

MERIDIAN, No. 15, West Winsted.

Time of Stated Convocation, second Tuesday in each month. Time of Annual Convocation, second Tuesday in December.

OFFICERS.

Lorenzo R. King, H. P.	John H. Kinny, P. S.
C. Lyman Norton, K.	Edwin S. Beecher, R. A. C.
William B. Phelps, S.	David G. White, 3d V.
Roswell Ohmsted, Treas.	B. F. Mitchell, 2d V.
Frederick M. Cooke, Sec'y.	John F. Peck, 1st V.
Eugene W. Meafey, C. of H.	Jesse Williams, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Charles J. Stevens,
B. F. Mitchell,

George W. Williams.
E. L. Plumb.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Alvord, Jabez	Hawley, John P.	Peck, John F.
Abel, Henry	Holmes, Rufus P.	Petibone, Ira,
Beecher, Amos	Holcomb, Marcus H.	Parsons, T. W.
Bidwell, John W.	Hart, Lewis D.	Plumb, Edwin L.
Burwell, Alanson D.	Hoskins, Erastus	Rockwell, Reuben
Bills, Henry A.	Holcomb, C. O.	Roberts, Edward S.
Batterson, Edward	Hopkins, Edward T.	Rosman, F. H.
Beecher, Roland L.	Ingle, John	Shepard, John A.
Bunnell, William	Kinney, John H.	Seymour, Henry
Berney, Robert	King, Lorenzo R.	Steel, Harvey B.
Beers, Amos S.	Lawrence, Benjamin	Seckman, James M.
Bucher, Edwin S.	Lathrop, Charles R.	Schrach, L. G.
Bushnell, James A.	Lewis, Wm. H., Jr.	Stevens, Charles J.
Bliss, Hiram	Lincoln, C. Lester	Tucker, H. G.
Buch, Edgar S.	Manchester, James A.	Temple, John F.
Bailey, Lester A.	McCue, Edward	Trask, Luther W.
Curtis, R. B.	Miller, David S.	Twiss, Austin
Cole, Adam	Mafoy, Eugene W.	Vosburg, Henry E.
Coe, James R.	Minkler, Henry	Wentworth, George M.
Coe, David W.	Markham, J. H.	Williams, Jesse
Coe, Wilbur F.	Mitchell, Benjamin F.	Wheelock, Lucien B.
Cook, Georgr H.	Newman, C. P.	Waters, A.
Cooke, Frederick M.	Newton, S. S.	Weaver, Wallace W.
Case, Horace	Noble, Robert R.	Woodward, John W.
Dunwell, James B.	Norton, C. Lyman	Weatherby, C. H.
Foster, Chauncey S.	Olmsted, Roswell	White, Henry C.
Frazer, Phelps B.	Osborn, Ambrose A.	Wright, George E.
Fyler, Florinson D.	Pease, Orlando	Woodford, George E.
Glander, Salmon A.	Palmer, Daniel	White, David G.
Hubbell, McPherson	Phelps, Dwight	Williams, Geo. W.
Hubbard, Steven A.	Phelps, Wm. B.	York, Charles J.
Hewett, Henry H.		

DARIUS, No. 16, Litchfield.

Time of Stated Convocation, every Thursday evening from Oct. 1st to April 1st, and on the first Thursday evening in each remaining month of the year. Time of Annual Convocation, 27th December.

OFFICERS.

William Deming, H. P.	Edson Staples, P. S.
E. G. Roberts, K.	James Campbell, R. A. C.
Robert Stephens, S.	W. Jerome Bissell, 3d V.
L. W. Wessells, Treas.	Sam'l W. Ensign, 2d V.
Wm. H. Braman, Sec'y.	Wm. H. Braman, 1st V.
A. B. Shumway, C. of H.	David C. Bulkley, Tyler.

EXALTED.

George R. Beebe,	Walter K. Peck,
J. Aldis,	Eugene Butolf,
J. W. Brothwell,	Horrace Beers,
C. M. Allen,	John Workmen, 2d.

DIED.

J. M. Travis.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Allen, Cornelius M.	Clark, Dexter	Mason, Charles H.
Aldis, James	Cross, E. L.	Olin, Frank M.
Bulkley, David C.	Clemons, John D.	Perkins, Chas. L.
Brooker, Charles F.	Camp, Lewis A.	Peck, Edward O.
Buttolph, Eugene	Deaning, William	Peck, Walter K.
Bissell, W. Jerome	Dean, Lee P.	Putnam, Luke S.
Bolles, Samuel P.	Ensign, Samuel W.	Phelps, John W.
Birge, Chester G.	Ford, Guy C.	Roberts, Elbert G.
Brundage, John D.	Ford, Romulus W.	Rhinehart, Christian
Beecher, Marshall E.	Farnham, Joseph M.	Shumway, Alex. B.
Braman, Wm. H.	Graves, Henry B.	Seymour, John S.
Balcom, John H.	Hotchkiss, Edward C.	Stephens, Robert
Beers, Horace A.	Hollister, Gideon H.	Sperry, A. W.
Brothwell, John W.	Hull, Henry A.	Staples, Edson
Bates, Loring	Howe, David H.	Smith, Homer D.
Beebe, George R.	Lacy, Jr. Wm., H.	Tuttle, A. L.
Bissell, Henry	Lawrence, Rev. Wm.	Vaill, George W.
Baldwin, George H.	Lyons, James B.	Wessells, Leverette W.
Curtiss, Levi	Lucas, Frederick A.	Weeks, Eli D.
Crossman, Wm. H.	Logan, Seth S.	Wadsworth, Jas. C. L.
Campbell, James	Midgeon, A. F.	Welton, Chas. R.
Coe, Nelson W.	Morrill, Henry R.	Weston, E. F.
Coe, Edward T.	Marsh, Rivercus	Workman, 2d, John
Church, William A.	Montzoni, Charles	Woodruff, John T.
Church, Henry J.		

PYTHAGORAS, No. 17, Hartford.

Time of Stated Convocation, every Friday evening. Time of Annual Convocation, first Friday evening in January.

OFFICERS.

John H. Bingham, H. P.	George Lee, P. S.
William Knox, K.	James Boardman, R. A. C.
Albert A. Fox, S.	Charles O'Neil Jr., 3d V.
Nelson G. Hinckley, Treas.	Charles E. Church, 2d V.
Henry E. Spencer, Sec'y.	James H. Brewster, 1st V.
Cortes Clark, C. of H.	Henry E. Patten, Tyler.

EXALTED.

George G. Brower,	Theodore Thorp, Jr.,
Sherman W. Adams,	Charles H. Tryon,
Richard H. Livingston,	Spencer H. Burnham,
Hiram W. Simmons,	Ralph Burnham,
B. Rowland Allen,	John Cadman,
Leander H. Jaycox,	George D. Garvie,
Clayton H. Case,	C. A. Wheeler,
George W. Hadlock,	Henry E. Babcock,
John A. Crilly,	

DIED.

Thomas W. O'Hara,	Noah A. Phelps,
Patrick Fitzgerald,	Eleazer Harrison,
Henry C. Deming,	Daniel G. Miner,
Henry E. Valentine,	Ansell Humphrey.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Adams, Chas. H.	Fowler, Benjamin E.	Montague, Wells W.
Adams, Sherman W.	Fuller, Edgar W.	Moore, Robert
Allen, Alexander H.	Gardner, Henry	Morgan, Wm. E.
Allen, B. Rowland	Garfield, Edwin	Munyan, Alfred J.
Andrews, Frederick B.	Graves, Milo W.	Newton, Duane E.
Anderson, Norman L.	Glaefcke, Herman	Newton, George H.
Allen, Pliny C.	Graves, Henry C.	Nearing, Herman D.
Appar, Isaiah S.	Gaylord, Johnson T.	Niles, Stillman
Arnold, Chas. H.	Garvie, George D.	Nichols, James
Ashmead, James H.	Geer, Elihu,	Northrop, Calvin
Ashmead, Austin T.	Green, Samuel H.	North, Albert H.

Atwood, Truman W.	Greeley, Alfred J.	North, Selden G.
Bacon, Benoni B.	Giddings, George	Noot, Myer
Bartlett, Henry H.	Griffin, Chadwick A.	Olmsted, Joseph
Barbour, Heman H.	Griswold, Johnson G.	Olmsted, Charles H.
Bassett, Erastus J.	Gwillim, Wm. R.	O'Neil, Jr., C. Charles
Barton, Henry T.	Gillett, Albert G.	Payne, David
Barnum, Joseph H.	Gill, Thomas J.	Parmelee, Wm. L.
Bates, Dwight H.	Goodwin, Horace W.	Patten, Henry E.
Baker, Isaiah	Goodale, Daniel, Jr.	Pratt, Joseph, Jr.
Banks, James	Goodell, Cyrus	Packard, Caleb L.
Babcock, Henry F.	Goodsell, Willis J.	Pratt, Louis A.
Benton, Chauncey	Goodwin, Lester	Place, George B.
Beecher, Amos, Jr.	Goodrich, Elizur S.	Phelps, Salmon
Beresford, Samuel B.	Goodell, Dwight G.	Pettibone, Hiram R.
Beam, Alfred	Glover, Frank W. T.	Peeks, William
Beach, Wm. S.	Goodrich, Wm. H.	Peck, Sylvester
Bement, Horace	Harrington, Elisha	Preston, George R.
Bennett, Martin, Jr.	Harvey, Horace	Perkins, A. P.
Benham, William T.	Harris, William	Prescott, Daniel K.
Brewster, James H.	Haskell, Benjamin	Peck, Henry K.
Brainard, Oliver	Haas, Louis B.	Peckham, Nathan
Brainard, Horace C.	Hanmer, William	Pierce, William
Brabazon, Andrew	Hall, Jonathan K.	Pitkins, A. P.
Brainerd, Edward S.	Halsey, Frederick T.	Pike, Edgar A.
Blanchard, Joseph L.	Hawley, Royal D.	Pitkin, Charles A.
Blanchard, Orland H.	Hampshier, Thomas	Pinney, Ebenezer
Blair, Horatio Porter	Hamilton, Wm. H.	Pillsbury, Amos
Bissell, Henri E.	Hayden, Daniel L.	Quin, J. Scrugham
Bingham, John H.	Harding, Thomas H.	Ransom, A. B.
Bissell, S. Tudor	Hammer, C. J.	Rich, George F.
Bright, Thomas	Hadlock, George W.	Risley, E. Sumner
Bissell, Sylvester	Hebard, Chester	Roff, Amos B.
Booth, Joel, Jr.	Hersford, Paul	Rose, Abraham
Brown, J. Seymour	Hillyer, Maltby G.	Root, John G.
Brownell, H. Tudor	Higley, Luther	Rood, Joel E.
Bolles, Lucius S.	Hinckley, Nelson G.	Roberts, Albert W.
Bowles, O. H.	Higgs, Wm. H.	Robinson, Chas. P.
Brown, Albert G.	Hitchcock, Henry M.	Rogers, L. H.
Bronson, Samuel N.	Hollister, Edwin M.	Rowley, Henry W.
Boardman, James W.	Hollister, Samuel O.	Roberts, Henry J.
Brownell, Wm. R.	Hoskins, Roswell	Rogers, Stevens
Brownell, Wm. A.	Holt, Samuel	Rogers, Wm. W.
Bowles, Charles	Holcomb, Amasa	Russell, Edward
Brower, George G.	Howard, Charles F.	Stanwood, Henry
Button, Jr. Jonathan,	Hoskins, Henry C.	Spaulding, Henry C.

Burnham, Albert A.	Holt, Lucius H.	Sprague, Joseph H.
Burnham, George S.	Holcomb, Joel R.	Starkweather, Jonn W.
Bunce, Josephus W.	Honiss, Thomas A.	Spellman, Anson,
Buck, Thomas E.	Honiss, John	Seymour, Hezekiah
Burns, James F.	Hoxie, Benjamin W.	Sexton, Bazaleel
Burnham, Edgar F.	Holt, George W.	Sperry, Stiles D.
Burnham, Spencer H.	Hopkins, Wm. R.	Spencer, James
Burnham, Ralph	Holaday, John B.	Sherman, Abial J.
Babcock, Henry E.	Humphrey, Jr. Fred'k,	Seymour, Daniel F.
Case, Abner	Hudson, Radcliffe	Seidler, George N.
Clark, David	Hubbard, Samuel	Sexton, Albert
Chapman, Henry B.	Hunt, Lucius E.	Spencer, Henry E.
Chapin, Henry A.	Humphrey, R. O.	Seymour, F. A.
Clark, Randolph	Humphrey, Wm. J.	Skelly, Thomas
Clark, Samuel	Hudson, R. Fowler	Street, Joseph
Chadwick, Robert	Hudson, Philip W.	Sweetzer, Chas. E.
Carey, George S.	Hunt, Wm. H.	Spencer, Brainard
Caughey, William	Huntington, Chas. W.	Sexton, Henry P.
Clayton, Charles	Hyde, Francis	Stevens, John N. B.
Caughey, John	Ives, Jesse	Street, Benjamin
Carter, James	Jackson, Wm. H.	Spring, Julius
Carey, James S.	Jaycox, Leander H.	Simpson, Austin
Clapp, John B.	Jewett, George	Smith, Cyrus P.
Chapman, Thomas B.	Jewell, Pliny	Smith, Simeon
Clark, M. N.	Jewett, Josiah	Smith, Elisha T.
Crane, Henry F.	Jewell, Chas. A.	Silloway, William
Clark, Cortez	Jewell, Marshall	Smith, James E.
Canfield, Charles B.	Jones, Samuel F., Jr.	Smith, Rev. Wm. E.
Case, Clayton H.	Johnson, John W.	Silloway, Samuel D.
Cadman, John	Johnson, D. W.	Smith, Robert N.
Cheney, Charles	Johnson, Chauncey R.	Simons, Hiram W.
Cheney, Arthur	Johnson, Robert A.	Stillman, Horace W.
Cheney, Chas. S.	Johnson, Edwin H.	Storer, William
Cheney, James W.	Jordan, James	Soper, Chas. C.
Chidley, George E.	Jordan, David J.	Strong, J. Ellsworth
Collins, Jabez	Kent, Albert	Soper, Byron P.
Colton, Nathan	Kellogg, Edwin	Shultas, James B.
Colton, Anson	Kelsey, Otis S.	Stupart, Alexander
Copeland, Alfred	Kenyon, Robert	Sugden, Andrew
Cook, Chas. W.	Keeney, Albert	Tatro, Joseph
Cook, Wm. H.	Kippen, Henry A.	Taylor, James P.
Cook, David T.	King, Zeno P.	Tatro, S. M.
Conklin, Hamilton W.	Koehner, Michael	Terry, Harvey
Cole, Francis A.	Knox, William	Tolles, George F.
Coburn, George L.	Knous, Franklin F.	Toohy, William

Cornish, Dewitt C.	Latimer, Titus B.	Townsend, Wilbur H.
Cone, Wm. E.	Lathrop, Walter H.	Thorp, Theodore, Jr.
Cole, Alfred O.	Lambert, Wilbur C.	Trumbull, Henry Clay
Cooper, Samuel C.	Lester, George W.	Tuller, William
Cobb, Elisha L.	Levett, F. S.	Tuller, George W.
Crooks, John S.	Levett, Michael	Tyler, Edwin S.
Church, Joseph	Lee, George	Tyson, Chas. H.
Chubbuck, John	Leek, John W.	Tryon, Chas. H.
Curtis, George R.	Leitch, Henry	Upton, Isaac J.
Curry, Francis F.	Lithauer, Jacob	Watson, Jonathan
Cutting, George H.	Livingston, S. A.	Watrous, Seymour
Crilley, John A.	Livingston, Richard H.	Washburn, George A.
Davis, Joseph	Loth, Joseph	Ward, Austin M.
Davis, F. J.	Low, Emerson G.	Way, Samuel L.
Davis, Rev. Samuel H.	Loomis, Monroe E.	Waters, Elizur W.
Davidson, Charles S.	Lyon, James	Wallach, Julius
Day, James R.	Mather, Allen M.	Walker, Samuel
Daniels, A. H.	Matthews, John L.	Watson, James
Darling, Moses F.	Martin, Rev. Orrin B.	Welles, Gideon
Dean, Merrick	Martin, Chauncey S.	Weed, Benjamin
Dean, John M.	May, Wyman J.	West, Amos G.
Dresser, George A.	Mandlebaum, Jacob	Weston, Rufus
Dezallier, Hercule	Marsh, Seth E.	Wells, C. B.
Dickinson, Leonard A.	Martin, J. Henry	Wheeler, Joseph K.
Dustin, Charles E.	Mather, John C.	Welton, H. A.
Elcock, Alfred	Merrick, George	Wenck, J. H. William
Ellsworth, Henry G.	Merrill, Merlin	Weed, Samuel
Elliot, John F.	Metcalf, Horace	Wright, Wm. C.
Ensign, Henry	Merrick, Phineas F.	Whittlesey, Wm. F.
Ensworth, Lester L.	Meek, James L.	Williams, A. W. C.
Estlow, Alfred	Merriman, Lent B.	Wiley, Albert H.
Farmeter, Marmaduke	Mitchell, Henry A.	Williams, Fred
Farnham, A. M.	Mills, Andrew H.	Winslow, Gideon D.
Farnham, Elias B.	Mines, Rev. John F.	Wilson, A. C.
Flagg, Wm. B.	Miller, Wm. M.	Whitehouse, Abm. B.
Freeman, Orrin B.	Mills, Samuel J.	Wilcox, Birdseye
Fitch, Henry H.	Milton, Alfred B.	Wilcox, Justus D.
Fisher, Rev. Charles R.	Morgan, William	Winship, William
Fitzpatrick, Philip	Moore, Rev. Ashael	Woodruff, Samuel
Fillow, George	Moore, Solomon E.	Woodruff, Abijah
Filley, Albert D.	Morse, Nathan M.	Woodward, William
Fitch, Albert A.	Moses, Horace M.	Woodhouse, Levi
Fox, Rev. Henry J.	Moore, Rev. Asher	Woodward, Abner
Ford, Ira W.	Moore, H. D.	Woodruff, Samuel V.
Forbes, Charles R.	Mosman, M. H.	Woods, George H.

Foster, George B.
Ford, William H.
Fox, Albert A.

McGoodin, Jehn
Moses Judah

Worthington, A. D.
Wolcott, Jason L.

ADONIRAM, No. 18, Rockville.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Tuesdays of each month.
Time of Annual Convocation, first Tuesday in December.

OFFICERS.

George A. Peirce, H. P.
C. P. Cogshall, K.
C. E. Harris, S.
E. S. Henry, Treas.
A. D. West, Sec'y.
William R. Mills, C. of H.

P. H. Alden, P. S.
John Westfall, R. A. C.
A. B. Hall, 3d V.
L. E. Brown, 2d V.
F. Bowns, 1st V.
J. Hirst, Tyler.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

H. W. Coxe,
Warren Robertson,
E. Stephens Henry,
F. B. Skinner,
William H. Shelton,
A. P. Hyde,
H. Starkweather,
R. H. Dawson,
S. F. Bently,
I. R. Murphy,
Cyrus Winchell,
J. L. Woodbridge,
S. J. Corey,
Francis Bowns,
S. F. Pomeroy,
E. E. Butterfield,
F. N. Andrews,
Lincoln Bordwell,
R. S. Beebe,
L. S. Lewis,
George A. Pierce,
A. D. West,

George C. Parkess,
F. J. Weston,
E. C. Penney,
L. E. Brown,
E. M. Loveland,
C. E. Harris,
J. F. Preston,
C. P. Cogshall,
George H. Minor,
L. P. Waldo,
William Adams,
J. B. Lewis,
M. R. Bennett,
M. R. West,
William O. Campbell,
P. H. Alden,
William R. Mills,
Alven Tracey,
L. E. Thompson,
Edward Shelton,
N. F. Peck,
Dwight Marcy,

F. W. Porter,
J. W. Ellsworth,
John Westfall,
J. W. Willett,
C. W. Strong,
Joshua Wood,
J. B. Fuller,
C. B. Pomeroy,
Justin Lathrop,
O'Mara G. Chase,
R. G. Holt,
P. W. Gould,
Joseph Hirst,
E. C. Colby,
Benjamin Hirst,
H. T. Boles,
S. W. Howland,
William Wheelock,
A. B. Hall,
Jacob Glover,
Lewis Putney,
M. C. Kinney,

JERUSALEM, No. 19, Ridgefield.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

William S. Todd, H. P.	A. G. H. Hurlbutt, P. S.
Hezekiah Scott, K.	Charles O. Olmstead, R. A. C.
Lewis A. Reed, S.	Jacob L. Dauchy, 3d V.
William W. Seymour, Treas.	Samuel J. Barlow, 2d V.
David H. Miller, Sec'y.	Arthur N. Benedict, 1st V.
Charles A. Jennings, C. of H.	Jason Whitlock, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Samuel Keeler.

DIED.

William M. Merritt.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Barlow, Samuel J.	Keeler, Edward S.	Scott, Hiram K.
Benedict, Arthur N.	Keeler, Samuel	Scofield, Orrin K.
Bray, Rev. E. L.	Miller, David H.	Smith, Jr. Charles
Dauchy, J. Legrand	Mead, Sherwood	Seymour, 2d. W. W.
Haveland, Reed	Olmstead, Charles O.	Todd, William S.
Halliwell, James	Reed, Lewis A.	Thompson, Rev. Geo. L.
Hurlburt, Aaron G. H.	Rich, Alfred	Whitlock, Jason
Jennings, Charles A.	Scott, Hezekiah	

LAFAYETTE, No. 20, Granby.

Time of Stated Convocation, on or before Full Moon. Time of Annual Convocation, first regular in January.

OFFICERS.

J. W. Sandford, H. P.	E. Holcomb, P. S.
F. R. Gillett, K.	J. N. Loomis, R. A. C.
E. C. Humphry, S.	G. Beebe, 3d V.
L. Rice, Treas.	H. Griffin, 2d V.
J. W. Gillin, Sec'y.	J. E. C. Humphry, 1st V.
J. H. Holcomb, C. of H.	J. W. Gillin, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Lucian Reed,

William Konold.

WITHDRAWN.

Truman A. Weed.

EUREKA, No. 22, Waterbury.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. Time of Annual Convocation, first Stated Convocation in December.

OFFICERS.

James E. Coer,
Henry U. Church,
Charles I. Curtiss,
F. L. Curtiss,
Lyman White,
John S. Castle,

Robert C. Barbour,
Andrew W. Goldsmith,
Joseph Hoffman,
Miner S. Baldwin,
Luther Pollard,
S. M. Judd,

EXALTED.

Albert M. Butts,
Edward F. Lundie,
J. W. Mix,

Homer D. Bronson,
Burton G. Bryan,
William O. Weaver.

WITHDRAWN.

W. C. Bannon.

DIED.

David B. Hurd.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Atkinson, George	Granniss, James M.	Paul, John W.
Atwood, Edward W.	Granniss, Norman D.	Pendleton, George H.
Alcott, Elmer R.	Griggs, Henry C.	Pemberton, Wm. M.
Bronson, J. Hobart	Guilford, Joshua	Pemberton, James
Bronson, Homer D.	Geddes, Samuel	Perkins, Charles H.
Beardsley, Lewis	Guest, Joseph	Pritchard, William H.
Brothers, A. H.	Goldsmith, A. W.	Post, Gabriel
Brown, James	Geddings, George	Phillips, William H.
Brown, M. M.	Hill, R. W.	Porter, William
Bradley, Aner	Hayden, Henry C.	Palmer, George P.
Belden, John A.	Hamel, Albert	Root, E. T.
Blakeman, Charles S.	Harger, Alfred	Roberts, J. R.
Bishop, W. F.	Hendey, George E.	Renz, Robert
Baldwin, Minor S.	Hine, Philander	Renz, Andrew
Benham, Burr	Hillard, William C.	Rockwell, P. G.
Buell, C. S.	Hatch, Chauncey M.	Riggs, Garry

Beebe, J.	Hunter, William H.	Rust, C. S.
Bristol, H.	Hartlee, Thomas	Savage, Enoch L.
Butts, A. M.	Howland, Seneca	Seymour, Fred J.
Buxton, Thomas	Hinman, William	Seymour, Mason S.
Bartlett, F. H.	Hoadley, Lemuel H.	Stevens, O. H.
Barbour, Robert C.	Hoffman, Joseph	Shepard, Thomas E.
Bartlett, S. C.	Hamilton, D. B.	Smith, Edwin W.
Burroughs, W. F.	Hunting, Richard	Smith, Elijah M.
Bryan, Burton G.	Hibbard, E. J.	Smith, John E.
Cargill, William B.	Hitchcock, Gad	Smith, John
Camp, Edward A.	Hollister, Thomas	Shipley, A. J.
Castle, John S.	Hotchkiss, Harry S.	Snyder, Theodore L.
Candee, Cyrenus	Hotchkiss, R. N.	Snyder, John
Curtiss, F. L.	Hunt, John M.	Spencer, F. A.
Curtiss, William A.	Ives, Silas Z.	Spencer, Joseph B.
Curtiss, Charles I.	Isbell, Robert H.	Stanley, William
Clark, Sidney L.	Johnson, H. H.	Stanley, Stephen
Clarke, David M.	Jones, R. H.	Stent, Dwight
Clarke, Smith	Judd, S. M.	Spruce, James
Conner, Joseph	Judd, Edward A.	Schwartz, John
Crane, William E.	Kellogg, S. W.	Steele, A. F.
Cooke, Edward B.	Kellam, A. H.	Squires, D. N.
Cooke, Edwin L.	Kendrick, John	Sanford, Marvin
Chatfield, George S.	Keasel, Charles	Thomas, George C.
Chatfield, Benjamin P.	Kirk, Thomas	Tuttle, F. B.
Chatfield, Henry	Krocher, William	Terry, Andrew
Chatfield, Albert	Lundie, E. F.	Terry, Stephen
Church, H. U.	Lewis, Alonzo N.	Terrill, George F.
Church, C. W.	Lewis, William F.	Terrill, Elmer S.
Churchill, Lewis K.	Lewis, Ira A.	Upson, Charles N.
Chambers, H. R.	Lewis, George A.	Van Velsor, William
Chapman, Samuel A.	Lum, John	Wildman, Sidney R.
Clough, Ira E.	Lane, Henry	Wasten, Stetson T.
Crosby, Seth	Laforge, F. H.	Warner, Oliver J.
Campbell, Albert H.	Leonard, Rufus	Warner, Frederick A.
Colley, James M.	Leonard, Newton	Watrous, W. H.
Coer, James E.	Lusk, John C.	Walker, Nathaniel
Coe, Lyman W.	Langdon, Timothy	Wisnall, Charles E.
Cutler, John G.	Moody, Martin	Wooster, Letsom T.
Day, Edgar L.	McClintock, Andrew	Wooster, Joseph D.
Dailey, George W.	Monson, S. L.	Woodward, John S.
Dikemas, Nathan	McGary, Henry A.	Whittemore, J. H.
Dutton, A. D.	Mitchell, M. J.	Whittemore, F. J.
Dutton, Thomas A.	Morris, G. M.	Wheaton, Roswell B.
Durand, D. L.	Munger, Joseph	Welton, Nelson J.

Dyson, Lemuel	Mix, J. W.	Welton, Franklin L.
Eastwood, B.	Murray, Patrick	Webster, Chauncey B.
Ellis, Darwin	Northrup, William O.	Webster, John W.
Ellis, Jarvis	Northrup, A. C.	Waterbury, George
Ensign, John N.	Norton, O. S.	Whitney, H.
Frost, F. H.	Pollard, Luther	White, LeRoy S.
Frost, Charles N.	Patterson, H. D.	White, Lyman
Foster, Joseph	Peck, John A.	Wilcoxson, Nathan J.
Galpin, William R.	Peck, Charles S.	Wright, James
Gaylord, E. L.	Peck, Joseph C.	Weaver, William O.
Graves, L. C.	Peck, Henry H.	
Granniss, Marshall	Parker, John D.	

EUREKA, No. 23, Danbury.

Time of Stated Convocation, first Monday in every month, except July and August. Time of Annual Convocation, Stated Convocation in December.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Treadwell, H. P.	Frank R. Nash, P. S.
James H. Welsh, K.	William Brown, R. A. C.
James B. Wildman, S.	Albert Anderson, Jr., 3d V.
Edward S. Davis, Treas.	Lewis A. Ward, 2d V.
George M. Raymond, Sec'y.	Benjamin F. Brooks, 1st V.
Charles H. Gunn, C. of H.	Peter W. Ambler, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Homer T. White,	Peter W. Ambler.
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WITHDRAWN.

Samuel C. Smith,	James A. Betts.
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DIED.

James B. Baldwin.

WASHINGTON, No. 24, Norwalk.

Time of Stated Convocation, first Wednesday in each month. Time of Annual Convocation, first Wednesday in December.

OFFICERS.

George W. Smith 2d, H. P.	R. A. Brewer, P. S.
Aug. C. Golding, K.	Wm. B. Reed, R. A. C.
Henry D. Fox, S.	Sylvester B. Lockwood, 3d V.
John E. Smith, Treas.	Wm. A. Sammis, 2d V.
Jacob Turk, Sec'y.	Ed. Northrup, 1st V.
Harrison H. Williams, C. of H.	Wm. Goodwin, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Charles B. Dake,	Frank Street,
James L. Clark,	Ed. Northrup,
Wm. O. Persons,	Chauncey Drummond.

WITHDRAWN.

Israel M. Bullock.

DEATHS.

Stephen Merrill,	David St. John.
	Simon Greenleaf Fuller.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Aiken, John H.	Haight, Wm. D.	Raymond, Joseph R.
Bishop, George G.	Hoyt, Walter	Reed, Wm. B.
Black, Gerhard	Hoyt, Justus F.	Rogers, John, Jr.
Butler, Thomas B.	Hammersley, Andrew S.	Rhoades, H. E., Jr.
Bissell, Edward C.	Hodges, George	Raymond, Wm. H.
Baker, John	Hanford, Winfield S.	Smith, Asa E.
Benedict, C. L.	Handley, Chas. John	Smith, Stephen
Beatty, John P.	Hoyt, Henry M.	Smith, Henry W.
Beatty, Samuel	Hoyt, Ira F.	Smith, Stephen H.
Beatty, George	Hughes, Chas. J.	Smith, Asa P.
Buxton, George I.	Higgins, Royal L.	Smith, Wm. R.
Byxbee, Stephen D.	Jennings, Gould D.	Smith, George W.
Badger, William	King, William	Smith, John E.
Byington, A. Homer	Knight, Geo. W.	Smith, George B.
Brewer, R. A.	Lynes, Samuel	Smith, Frank B.
Barlow, John W.	Larmer, James	Street, Eli K.
Cunningham, Peter L.	Lockwood, F. St. John	Street, Edward
Curtis, Elbert	Lecount, C. W.	Street, Frank
Camp, Alfred H.	Lee, Isaac	Sammis, Wm. A.
Canfield, Anthony R.	Lane, David M.	Street, Alonzo W.
Church, Isaac, Jr.	Lyon, Wesley	Storey, Wm. W.

Cholwell, George R.	Logan, James	Storey, James W.
Comstock, Samuel, 2d	Lockwood, Wm. A.	Smith, Wm. O.
Curnow, William	Leland, M. W.	Stinson, Levi B.
Cotter, John	Lockwood, Sylvester	B. Stevens, George C.
Craw, John W.	McLean, John A.	Stirling, David S.
Clark, James L.	Marvin, David M.	Simonson, Wm. H.
Daskam, George F.	Mead, Wm. C.	St. John, George W.
Doyle, Chas. H.	McDaniel, James L.	St. John, John
Decker, Peter	Miles, Geo. Y.	Swartz, Chr.
Drummond, Chauncey	Morrison, John	Turk, Nathan
Dupignac, Eb. R., Jr.	Nash, Wm. R.	Turk, Jacob
Dikeman, W. E.	Norton, H. L.	Taudy, Francis E.
Elwell, Henry H.	Norvell, George	Tolles, Chester F.
Feltham, John	Northrup, Ed.	Verity, Christopher
French, Ephraim	Olmsted, Samuel E.	Volk, Francis A.
Fox, Henry D.	Olmsted, Watson	Van Varrick, John
Fitch, John	Pattison, Thomas E.	Weed, Edward P.
Guthrie, Henry F.	Pollard, Jesse	Wheeler, Chas.
Guthrie, Claude	Pollard, David	Williams, H. H.
Gruman, Cholwell J.	Perry, Robt. N.	White, Chas. H.
Gregory, Chas. M.	Pike, Luther M.	Wilcox, Robert M.
Golding, Aug. C.	Peck, Samuel F.	Webb, David H.
Goodwin, William	Persons, W. O.	Woodward, E. A.
Gilbertson, William	Quintard, Walter C.	Wilcox, Theodore
Hoyt, Edwin	Randle, Henry C.	Wilcox, Leander G.
Hubbard, Amos J.		

GIDDINGS, No. 25, New Britain.

Time of Stated Convocation, first and third Thursday of each month.

Time of Annual Convocation, first Thursday in January.

OFFICERS.

Gideon Robinson, H. P.	Job Dyson, P. S.
Alonzo Aston, K.	Charles McNary, R. A. C.
William Burritt, S.	Lemuel Dyson, 3d V.
W. L. Morgan, Treas.	S. W. Clarke, 2d V.
Thomas D. Towle, Sec'y.	Clarence McNary, 1st V.
Joseph E. Davis, C. of H.	George H. Booth, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Henry P. King,
Isaac Rulofson,

James P. Curtis,
Edmund S. Conklin,

Eleazer Kemphall,
 Fredric North,
 Norris C. North,
 George W. Cook,

John P. Connell,
 Carl Teich,
 John P. Hemmingway,
 John R. Forster.

DIED.

Arthur G. Vensel.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Andrews, Ezekiel	Finch, Alfred S.	Oviatt, Joshua N.
Allport, Wm.	Freeston, Wm.	Ortman, Edward
Aston, Alonzo	Forster, John R.	Porter, Isaac
Bailey, Lester R.	Gardner, Jacob	Pillard, Basil H.
Bingham, Thomas H.	Goodwin, Edward L.	Parkington, Dewitt
Boole Rev. Wm. H.	Goodrich, Samuel	Pierpont, James B.
Birge, Chester G.	Hamilton, John	Phillips, David J.
Butler, Ithmar W.	Hubbard, Beuben L.	Palmer, Edward A.
Beetison, Israel	Hart, Artemus E.	Penfield, Eldron M.
Bingham, Henry	Hoyt, Seymour S.	Robinson, Gideon
Blinn, Chas. D.	Hicks, Thomas R.	Rider, John
Burritt, William	Hicks, Sidney S.	Rackliffe, Henry
Bugbee, George H.	Hinman, Augustus C.	Rulofson, Isaac
Boardman, Martin A.	Hartmann, Chas.	Stanley, Oswin D.
Bradley, George A.	Hosford, Wm. W.	Southworth, Richard S.
Booth, George H.	Hart, Philo W.	Seymour, Frederick S.
Bailey, Horace, Jr.	Hollister, James	Storer, George W.
Camp, Horace	Haslam, Walter	Sanford, Charles
Chambers, Francis	Hurd, H. J.	Simpson, John W.
Crosby, Albert H.	Hubbard, James W.	Smith, Joseph F.
Campbell, Rev. W. S.	Hobson, John E.	Stewart, George D.
Candee, Wales A.	Hemmingway, John P.	Thatcher, Frederick B.
Cushman, Wm. H.	Judd, David B.	Taylor, Augustus E.
Caldwell, George D.	Johnson, George	Traut, Justus A.
Coffeen, Henry	Knight, George D.	Tuttle, Daniel A.
Clarke, Samuel W.	King, Henry P.	Treadwell, Nathan G.
Case, Cromwell O.	Kempshall, Eleazer	Traut, Frederick A.
Cooke, George W.	Luddington, Linas P.	Tolles, Henry
Conklin, Edmund S.	Lewis, James F.	Tyler, Miles H.
Curtis, James P.	Morgan, Washington L.	Tubbs, John E.
Connell, John P.	Moore, Samuel A.	Taylor, Wm. W.
Dickenson, Ashbel	Muir, Thomas	Tracy, Thomas
Dunham, Ralph C.	McNary, Clarence	Towle, Thomas D.
Dates, Henry M.	McNary, Charles	Teich, Carl
Deming, Julius O.	Maine, Frank D.	Wood, S. H.

Daniels, Milton H.	Nettleship, Ichabod C.	Wood, Almon N.
Davis, Joseph E.	Norton, John	West, Gustavus
Dyson, Job	Nettleton, Edsel E.	Wilcox, Thomas B.
Doolittle, David	Norton, Omer	Wetmore, Ebenezer
Dyson, Lemuel	North, Frederic	Wright, Chas. H.
Fowler, Wm. M.	Morth, Norris C.	Whitely, James
Fenton, Francis	Nugent, J. V.	Warner, E. S.

PULASKI, No. 26, Fair Haven.

Time of Stated Convocation, second Wednesday of each month. Time of Annual Convocation, second Wednesday of December.

OFFICERS.

James R. Hunt, H. P.	John O. Rowland, P. S.
Edward N. Holaday, K.	Sigmund Bauer, R. A. C.
Albert H. Cargill, S.	Herbert Jones, 3d V.
Rollin C. Smith, Treas.	John W. Fielding, 2d V.
Rollin C. Smith, Sec'y.	Joel M. Bradley, 1st V.
Chas. H. Fowler, C. of H.	Ralph Warren, Tyler.

EXALTED.

George B. Gladden,	Charles A. Brocket,
Fred J. Oppel,	Burdett H. Farren.
Fred L. Buckingham,	Rob't E. Burrwell,
John H. Weeks,	Herbert P. Wheeler,
Moses D. Allen,	Geo. H. Spöhr,
Asa Sessions, Jr.,	Rob't E. Small,
Reedy Bury, Jr.,	Samuel Alphonse Charpoat.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Adams, John	Farren, Burdett H.	Parker, Henry L.
Allen, Ebenezer	Fielding, John W.	Pedrick, Emmet
Allen, Moses D.	Foot, David E.	Perry, Edw. S.
Andrews, Jonathan M.	Folsom, George DeF.	Pierpont, Wm. H.
Bario, Angel	Fowler, Charles H.	Potter, Warren
Barker, George F.	Fowler, Wm. W.	Prescott, Frank
Barnes, Augustus B.	French, Hermon B.	Preston, Julius A.
Barnes, Edwin,	Gesner, Wm. N.	Roberson, Wm. U.
Barnes, Harvey, 2d	Gladden, George B.	Robinson, Hobart
Barnes, Herbert	Goldsmith, N. G.	Rowe, John M.
Barnes, Henry R.	Goodsell, Alfred E.	Rowe, Levi S.
Barnes, Horace S.	Goodyear, Miles H.	Rowland, John O.

Barnes, Sherman S.	Goodyear, Wm. E.	Schleigel, Chas.
Bauer, Sigmund	Griffing, Charles M.	Scranton, G. H.
Beach, Harvey	Hardy, John A.	Sessions, Asa, Jr.
Beecher, R. W.	Harrison, David	Sherman, P. A.
Belser, Joseph	Hemingway, D. B.	Small, Robert E.
Bury, Reedy, Jr.	Hemingway, John F.	Smith, Davis C.
Bissell, Evelyn L.	Hervey, John G.	Smith, Henry R.
Blakeslee, Lucius	Holaday, Edward N.	Smith, Horace A.
Bradley, Joseph R.	Hotchkiss, Henry E.	Smith, Riley O.
Bradley, Joel M.	Hunt, James R.	Smith, Rollin C.
Braley, George P.	Hull, Andrew W.	Spohr, George H.
Brocket, Charles A.	Hall, Philo	Stephenson, George A.
Brown, Anson H.	Hurlburt, Alfred H.	Stevens, Henry A.
Brown, Daniel H.	Johnson, L. A.	Strong, H. H.
Brown, Isaac E.	Jones, Herbert	Thomson, C. S.
Buckingham, Fred L.	Kellogg, F. Dwight	Thomson, A. C.
Bunnell, George W.	King, Wm. M.	Thomson, Wm. H.
Burwell, Robert F.	Kingsbury, John R.	Trelaise, Samuel R.
Cargill, Albert H.	Lanfair, Horace S.	Tuttle, Hezekiah, Jr.
Charpiot, Samuel A.	Lathrop, Benj. L.	Tuttle, James E.
Chidsey, Wm. H.	Leete, John R.	Tuttle, Miles,
Church, Daniel M.	Lillie, Henry B.	Tuttle, Wm. L.
Coates, Lafayette J.	Luddington, J. B.	Van Name, Cornelius J.
Cook, J. C.	Luddington, N. A.	Ward, George A.
Cook, Porter	Mallory, J. F.	Warren, Ralph
Corbin, Chas. S.	Miller, O. W.	Wedmore, Wm. H.
Day, H. R.	Nettleton, George D.	Weeks, John H.
Denison, Charles C.	Newton, Hosea N.	Wheeler, Herbert P.
Dennis, John B.	Nichols, Henry Z.	Wifford, Samuel A.
Doolittle, Orrin	Norton, Franklin	Wilson, Richard
Dunning, Joseph H.	Oppel, Fred J.	Woodhouse, James H.
Ellis, Obid M.	Oppenheimer, Joseph	Wright, Wm. A.
English, Nath'l S.	Palmer, Henry N.	

KEYSTONE, No. 27, Meriden.

Time of Stated Convocation, first Tuesday of each month. Time of Annual Convocation, Stated Convocation of April.

OFFICERS.

Edwin O. Hibbard, H. P.	Gilbert F. Rogers, P. S.
Frederick J. Fitch, K.	James M. Mason, R. A. G.
John C. Booth, S.	F. Robert Seidensticker, 3d V.
Humphrey Lyon, Treas.	Benjamin W. Warner, 2d V.
Nelson C. Merriam, Sec'y.	Albert J. Puffer, 1st V.
Benjamin Giam, C. of H.	Patrick Garvey, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Nicholas C. Smith,	Walter Mason,
Joseph W. Livingstone,	William H. Vernon,
James M. Mason,	Nelson C. Merriam,
Gilbert Rogers,	Lyman T. Lawton,
Sylvester S. Watson,	Albert R. Yale,
William McLauren,	James H. Osbourne,
John T. Murphy,	Richard H. Atkinson,
C. Robert Fasy.	

ADMITTED.

Morris Cohen.

WITHDRAWN.

William Catran,	George F. Searles.
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ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Andrews, Almon C.	Hubbard, Calvin L.	Parker, John
Alexander, Thomas S.	Hart, Newton F.	Phelps, Gustavus
Averill, James J.	Hall, Almer I.	Parker, Luman F.
Allen, Nicholas	Harrison, Willard	Poudman, Samuel T.
Atkinson, Richard H.	Hull, Savilian R.	Pomeroy, Norman W.
Anderson, Valerius D.	Hiney, Jacob W.	Parker, Wilbur F.
Byington, Noah H.	Hull, Patrick Ethian	Powers, Ozro E.
Byxbee, Theodore	Hall, William A.	Parker, Geo. White
Bray, Alonzo	Hague, Walter E.	Pistorias, Augustus
Belden, James F.	Hadley, James A.	Pirkins, Charles
Brainard, Robert L.	Harvey, Asahel	Petter, John T.
Berry, Thomas R.	Harvey, Hosea B.	Parker, Charles
Birdsey, Eli C.	Hayes, John	Puffer, Albert J.
Boyce, Daniel J.	Howard, Jesse C.	Kinslow, Martin B.
Buzzo, Joseph, Jr.	Hibbard, Edwin O.	Rablin, James
Bradley, Franklin B.	Harris, George W.	Rust, Theodore S.
Button, John G.	Howarth, George	Russ, Anton
Bario, John H.	Hunt, James	Rogers, Gilbert
Bacon, J. Buckley	Hotchkiss, Frederick M.	Steele, Selden
Booth, Friend C.	Ives, Stephen Dallas	Sayles, Franklin O.
Brompton, William H.	Johnson, Sidney E.	Stunder, Dominick
Buëss, Frederick D.	Jenkins, Henry T.	Smith, Peter C.
Butler, John H.	Johnston, Hector	Shaw, Wm. Wallace
Barlow, John H.	Johnson, Geo. W.	Skidgell, Isaac

Booth, John C.	Johnson, Sherman P.	Smith, Henry G.
Brown, Michael	Johns, Stephen	Schollar, William
Birdeey, Alfred E.	Kenworthy, Samuel	Stanley, Joseph E.
Boynton, Edward S.	Kidder, Chas. F.	Seidensticker, F. Robt.
Curtiss, Asahel H.	Lyon, Humphrey	Smith, Nicholas C.
Cochran, William	Lester, Henry W.	Smith, Theophilus
Curtiss, William W.	Lockrow, Jacob	Trevaskis, James
Coe, Levi E.	Lee, Wm. Wallace	Tibbals, Richard
Church, William	Levy, Morris	Todd, Erastus W.
Coe, John W.	Lines, H. Wales	Tileston, Geo. W.
Casper, Charles	Lowry, Henry	Thomas, Leveret H.
Comstock, William B.	Lewis, Theodore F.	Thomas, Edward N.
Clark, Smith W.	Lapp, John M.	Upton, Collins
Crowley, Richard	Lawton, Lyman T.	Van Nostrand, George
Curnow, John	Livingstone, Joseph W.	Vernon, Wm. H.
Cady, Edwin	Morse, David H.	Webb, Luther E.
Cohen, Morris	Martin, Henry	Waterman, Reuben
Doolittle, Tilton E.	Monson, Geo. P.	Wilcox, Dennis C.
Dunham, William N.	Miller, Geo. W.	Whipple, Henry J. P.
Duncan, Alexander	Miller, Wm. H.	Whittaker, Wm. M.
Dickson, Almer F.	Morgan, Wm. P.	Warner, Chas. H.
Dunlop, John B.	Moulthrop, Levi E.	Walton, Geo. W.
Doolittle, Edgar J. Jr.	Mansfield, Thos. T.	Wilson, G. Herrick
Ernest, Charles	Mackay, Wm. R.	Wooley, Joseph J.
Everett, Edwin B.	Morgan, Hubert W.	Wilcox, Wm. W.
Eastman, James H.	Mather, Albert B.	Walkley, Webster R.
Fitch, Edward R.	Mason, James M.	Westwood, Wm. H.
Fowler, George S.	McLaurin, Wm.	Woodruff, Walter W.
Forbee, Marshall L.	Murphy, John T.	Williams, Fred'k H.
Farrington, Joel	Mason, Walter	Williams, Henry C.
Fales, Charles H.	Merriam, Nelson C.	Woodruff, David P.
Foster, Richard H.	Newton, Elias	Weir, John P., Jr.
Foster, Frank S.	Newell, Nathan F.	Warner, Benj. W.
Fitch, Frederick J.	Nickerson, Nehemiah	Whittaker, Samuel H.
Finley, Francis K.	Newport, Edward C.	Whittaker, Ebbin
Fasy, C. Robert	Oughton, Robert	Wilcox, Samuel S.
Gladwin, Russell S.	Oughton, John W.	Woodstock, Chas. H.
Garvey, Patrick	Osborne, James H.	Wightman, Stoddard
Griswold, Hobart H.	Parsons, Curtis R.	Wright, Chas. R.
Griswold, Dennis K.	Pierpont, Henry B.	Wilcox, Chas. C.
Garrity, William P.	Platt, Orvill H.	Westcott, John L.
Grether, Charles	Parmelee, Luther	Watson, Sylvester S.
Graves, Henry L.	Parker, Emory	Yale, Chas. W.
Graham, Benjamin	Purson, Silas	Yale, Albert R.
Griswold, Nathan F.		

PALMER, No. 28, Pawcatuck.

Time of Stated Convocation, first Monday of each month. Time of Annual Convocation, first Monday in March.

OFFICERS.

R. Taylor Church, H. P.
Thos. W. Peckham, K.
Thos. H. Peabody, S.
James F. Pendleton, Treas.
Isaac F. Burdick, Sec'y.
B. Court. Bentley, C. of H.

Chas. B. Wilcox, P. S.
David Naylor, R. A. C.
John McDonald, 3d V.
James W. Murphy, 2d V.
Chas. H. Potter, 1st V.
James Potter, Tyler.

EXALTED.

James E. Mullen,
William W. Babcock,

Simon C. Sullivan,
Edward Loftus.

EXPELLED.

John J. Babcock,
Joshua Haley,

Burrell S. Lewis,
James H. Reynolds.

WITHDRAWN.

John M. Mosher.

DIED.

DeWit C. Pendleton.

BURNING BUSH, No. 29, Essex.

Time of Stated Convocation, Saturday on or before full moon. Time of Annual Convocation, first Convocation in January.

OFFICERS.

John I. Hutchinson, H. P.
John S. Dickenson, K.
J. Elmore Watrous, S.
William H. Doane, Treas.
Edward W. Redfield, Sec'y.
William C. Hough, C. of H.

Thomas Williams, P. S.
Ebenezer Williams, Jr., R. A. C.
Joseph R. Johnson, 3d V.
Frederick A. Chalker, 2d V.
T. Cook Silliman, 1st V.
Gurdon H. Post, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Frank A. Shaler,
Charles S. Hough,
Edward R. Parmelee,

George W. Healey,
G. W. Bates,
Thomas L. Masson.

DIED.

Ezra Scovell.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Bailey, Roswell L.	Hough, Niles P.	Silliman, T. Cook
Buckingham, Henry E.	Hull, Willoughby A.	Selden, R. L.
Bushnell, Watson	Hough, Charles S.	Southworth, E. J. B.
Bryan, Benjamin S.	Healey, G. W.	Shaler, F. A.
Bill, Benajah P.	Johnson, Horace P.	Tryon, Jeremiah J.
Bates, J. Carlton	Johnson, E. Emory	Tucker, Richard H.
Blague, E. P.	Johnson, Joseph B.	Tripp, Alpheus, P.
Bates, G. W.	Lord, Charles O.	Williams, Thomas
Chapman, Caspar H.	Loomis, S. L.	Whitemore, R. E.
Carrington, Rexford H.	Mather, Henry W.	Williams, Ebenezer, Jr.
Crowningshield, W. H.	Miner, Albert	Williams, Frederick W.
Chalker, F. A.	Masson, Thomas L.	Williams, Edward C.
Dickinson, G. K. Jr.	Phelps, James	Waterhouse, Chas., Jr.
Doane, William H.	Pratt, Gustavus W.	Wait, John T.
Dickinson, John S.	Post, Ezra L.	Worthington, Wm. D.
Denison, Winfield T.	Post, Gurdon H.	Wait, Seth L.
Flint, Rowley	Parmelee, Edward R.	Wait, L. A.
Fox, Henry	Redfield, Edward W.	Watrous, J. Elmore
Gesner, John G.	Robins, Gurdon	West, A. H.
Goddard, Edward A.	Rathbun, B. A.	Wright, Henry L.
Hough, William C.	Stevens, Frederick F.	Webber, L. D.
Hutchinson, John I.	Smith, Harrison B.	
Hayden, John G.	Stillman, George K.	

WASHINGTON, No. 30, Suffield.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Wednesdays each month. Time of Annual Convocation, 1st Stated Convocation of September.

OFFICERS.

John M. Hatheway, H. P.
John H. Norton, K.
Mathew T. Newton, S.
Israel Newton, Treas.
Samuel White, Sec'y.
Alfred F. Austin, C. of A.

Edgar W. Latham, P. S.
T. J. McKenzie, R. A. C.
John C. Mead, 3d V.
Julius A. Rogers, 2d V.
William M. Dunham, 1st V.
Elias B. Hullfish, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Alfred C. Thayer,
Phillip S. Lipps
Dennis Doyle,

P. B. Humphrey.
Charles A. Lord,
W. A. Campbell.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Anderson, Wm.	Hardy, George F.	Mead, John C.
Arnold, Alfred B.	Harris, Chauncey S.	Miller, Theodore T.
Austin, Alfred F.	Harrison, David	Newton, Israel
Austin, Edward	Hatheway, John M.	Newton, Matthew T.
Barber, Horace	Holcomb, Samuel D.	Norton, John H.
Bassinger, John	Hoge, Wm. L.	Nooney, Andrew D.
Bassinger, Joseph	Humphrey, P. B.	Outerson, John
Brewster, Charles	Ingraham, John P.	Pease, Isaac D.
Broadhurst, Charles	Johnson, Richard S.	Penn, Wm. E.
Browning, A. W.	Johnson, J. Warren	Phelps, Chas. E.
Burbank, Webster F.	King, Hesden J.	Pomeroy, Newton S.
Campbell, W. F.	Latham, Edgar W.	Potter, Theodore B.
Case, Richard D.	Lester, Milton, Jr.	Pinney, Robert E.
Cobb, Hiram	Lipps, Philip S.	Price, James
Douglass, Simon B.	Lord, Chas. A.	Rodgers, Julius A.
Doyle, Dennis	Lorimer, George	Rose, Curtis
Dunham, Wm. M.	Luce, Leverett H.	Thayer, Alfred C.
Edwards, Dwight A.	McAuley, Samuel	White, Samuel
Ely, Frederick E.	McCormick, James	Woodward, Chas. E.
Endress, George P.	McDonald, Daniel	Wright, Halsey J.
Hamilton, James A.	McKenzie, T. J.	

COLUMBIA, No. 31, Collinsville.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Time of Annual Convocation, second Friday in January.

OFFICERS.

James W. Creighton, H. P.	Lewis P. Peirce, P. S.
William H. Dale, E.	Joseph W. Merrills, R. A. C.
George T. Chipman, S.	Henry W. Spencer, 3d V.
Edward M. Chapin, Treas.	Wheeler M. Case, 2d V.
Warren Case, Sec'y.	Thomas Welch, 1st V.
Myron W. Thompson, C. of H.	M. A. Clark, Tyler.

EXALTED.

F. A. Crafts,

H. P. Bidwell.

WITHDRAWN.

S. M. Merrills.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Allen, Anson J.	Clark, Philip S.	Minor, Charles H.
Barbour, Henry Martin	Chipman, Geo. Tucker	McCarty, Eugene
Bunnell, James N.	Cooper, Mortimer	Nash, Charles W.
Bodwell, Jona. B.	Church, S. H.	l'armelee, William H.
Blair, Chas. Hamilton	Cowles, Samuel H.	Peirce, Lewis P.
Bernhardt, George R.	Crafts, Frederick A.	Preston, Henry M.
Betts, John H.	Dale, William H.	Riggs, Burrill
Bidwell, Jasper H.	Dale, Frederick	Richardson, Edwr'd K.
Brown, James Nelson	Elsworth, E. B.	Rawn, John C.
Bidwell, Hiram P.	Freeman, Orin B.	Smith, L. E.
Case, George Jarvis	Farley, Fred. A.	Spencer, Henry W.
Case, Henry O.	Forbes, James	Shelden, A. D.
Case, John E.	Humphrey, Rollin O.	Thompson, John H.
Case, L. L.	Holcomb, Noah W.	Thompson, Myron W.
Case, Wheeler M.	Harrington, Henry E.	White, Edward N.
Case, Frank A.	Hugins, O. W.	Wheelock, John E.
Case, Warren	Harned, John T.	Woodford, Harvey
Curtiss, Joseph N.	Lane, Rolin D.	Wilson, Robert M.
Creighton, James W.	Lewis, George T.	Wilson, E. M.
Chapmar, Luke	Mason, Carl	Webb, Lorine
Chapman, Dwight M.	Merrills, Jos. Warren	Wells, Charles G.
Chapin, Edward M.	Merrills, E. A.	Wagner, Joseph
Chapin, Philip E.	Merrills, Isaac	Welch, Thomas
Chidsey, Lucien B.	Munson, Albert	
Clark, Marshall A.	Mason, Stephen H.	

PEQUABUCK, No. 32, Bristol.

Time of Stated Convocation, first Friday each month. Time of Annual Convocation, first Friday December.

OFFICERS.

Lester Goodenough, H. P.	Harry S. Bartholomew, P. S.
Merwin Perkins, K.	O. Sheldon, R. A. C.
Thomas T. Wilsden, S.	Geo. W. Atkins, 3d V.
Silas M. Norton, Treas.	Byron R. Plumb, 2d V.
Thomas F. Barbour, Sec'y.	Harry F. Henderson, 1st V.
Geo. Lewis, C. of H.	Seth Barnes, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Seth Barnes,
E. C. Chapman,
T. C. Wedge,
Wm. Adams,

Chas. A. Reynolds,
A. F. Alprees,
H. K. Way,
Peter F. King.

WITHDRAWN.

Edwin M. Tallmadge,
Henry Mason,
John Chapman,
Mervin C. Jones,
Strong A. Kelsey,

Chas. C. Blackman,
Curtis A. Blackman,
James W. White,
John L. Frisbie,
A. B. Curtis,
Lawrence D. Fogg.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Adams, Wm. H.	Hutchington, Henry	Rigby, Ralph G
Atkins, Geo. W.	Henderson, Harvey F.	Riggs, Henry H.
Alpress, Edw. A.	Hawley, T. Edwin	Ryan, James F.
Abbe, Lester G.	Ingraham, Edward	Squires, Samuel W.
Alpress, A. F.	Ives, Edward J.	Seeley, N. J.
Booth, Hobert	King, Peter F.	Sanford, Rufus A.
Bartholomew, Harry S.	Lewis, George	Steel, Geo. T.
Blakesley, Gilbert H.	Lardener, Daniel	Spring, Chas. D.
Beach, L. Henry	Ladd, James E.	Saxton, E. N.
Bartholomew, John B.	Mitchell, H. A.	Spring, S. C.
Bull, Samuel D.	Mills, C. A.	Smith, Henry A.
Beach, Isaac M.	Morgan, Warren F.	Sheldon, O.
Beartholomew, N. L.	McAuley, C.	Spring, Edwin
Barbour, Thos. F.	Norton, Silas M.	Smith, Geo. L.
Barnes, Seth	Nettleton, Wilford H.	Traganza, James
Castle, S. D.	Olcott, Sidney A.	Tomlinson, Edwin F.
Curtiss, James A.	Paul, Chas. W.	Willis, Wm.
Curtiss, Wm. D.	Peck, Josiah T.	Warner, O. D.
Chapman, E. C.	Porter, Geo. H.	Ward, Henry
Farnum, John	Peck, Henry A.	Wightman, Chas. D.
Forbes, S. W.	Plumb, Byron R.	Wilsdon, Thos. F.
Goodenough, Lester	Perkins, Merwin	Webster, A. D.
Grant, Thomas S.	Royce, J. L.	Warner, Horace H.
Hill, Arza	Royce, William	Wedge, T. C.
Hendrick, Geo. W.	Reynolds, Chas. A.	Way, Henry K.
Hurd, Wm. R.		

OUSATONIC, No. 33, New Milford.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Albert S. Hill, H. P.	M. L. Frost, P. S.
Seth C. Landon, K.	Theodore M. Trowbridge, R. A. C.
David W. Knowles, S.	Wm. Shoverling, 3d V.
T. T. Marsh, Treas.	Jas. H. Keeler, 2d V.
George W. Anthony, Sec'y.	Joseph D. Senior, 1st V.
John E. Knowles, C. of H.	Albert Turrell, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Hawley W. Bartram.

Alexander Levey.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Anthony, Geo. W.	Jennings, L. N.	Schoverling, Wm.
Blinn, Chas. D.	Keeler, James H.	Sherwood, M. E.
Bartram, Hawley W.	Keeler, Ira	Senior, Joseph D.
Couch, Chas. F.	Knapp, A. H.	Staub, Nicholas
Capron, James B.	Knowles, James N.	Soule, David E.
Ellsworth, Watson J.	Knowles, John E.	Turrell, Albert
Frost, Monroe L.	Knowles, David W.	Turrell, John
Goad, John	Levy, Alexander	Trowbridge, Theo. M.
Gibbs, Jerome F.	Landon, Seth C.	Underhill, John T.
Hartwell, Oliver S.	McMahon, A. H.	Vaughn, Geo. D.
Hill, Albert S.	Marsh, T. T.	Warner, Henry O.
Hamlin, Eli	Polley, Jarvis	Welton, Wm. W.
Joyce, Lafayette		

FREESTONE, No. 34, Portland.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, from 1st of September to 1st of May, and fourth Tuesdays of each month the residue of the year. Time of Annual Convocation, second Tuesday in December.

OFFICERS.

Ellsworth B. Strong, H. P.	Archie C. Goodrich, P. S.
George B. Cleveland, K.	Daniel E. Andrews, R. A. C.
Joseph C. Gladwin, S.	Christopher Cranmer, 3d V.
S. Nelson Hall, Treas.	William Reid, 2d V.
W. Delor. Freeman, Sec'y.	George Stancliff, 1st V.
Henry A. Cornwall, C. of H.	Francis Pratt, Tyler.

EXALTED.

Horatio H. Abbe,	Elery B. Taylor,
William H. McLean,	Joseph Read,
	James H. Pelton.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Andrews, Daniel E.	Goodrich, Archie C.	Reid, William
Abbe, Horatio H.	Hall, S. Nelson	Read, Joseph
Brainerd, LeRoy	Hopkins, Russel	Stancliff, George
Blizzard, George B.	Hulbert, Edwin J.	Smith, William R.
Cleveland, George B.	Mehaffey, Alexander	Strong, Ellsworth B.
Cornwall, Henry A.	Mehaffey, Joseph J.	Shepard, Frederick S.
Cranmer, Christopher	McLean, William H.	Taylor, Elery B.
Cook, Jacob L.	Pratt, Francis	Veazey, Warren
Freeman, W. Delorme	Pelton, James H.	Willcox, Joseph O.
Gladwin, Joseph C.		

MT. VERNON, No. 35, Ansonia.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Tuesdays. Time of Annual Convocation, second Tuesday in April.

OFFICERS.

Josiah H. Whiting, H. P.	H. A. Shipman, P. S.
Daniel F. Hoadley, K.	William Willis, R. A. C.
Wm. W. Steele, S.	F. A. Castle, 3d V.
Hobart Sperry, Treas.	R. R. Colburn, 2d V.
R. H. Tucker, Sec'y.	Geo. E. Ealey, 1st V.
Jas. Pemberton, C. of H.	Jacob Freeman, Tyler.

EXALTED.

E. T. Gordon,	H. J. Smith,
E. Frank Sperry,	Franklin M. Lum.
R. R. Colburn,	Jacob Freeman,
Fred. Neaschler,	David B. Holbrook,
Edward Whitworth,	H. C. Miles,
John L. Lindley,	Chas. D. Alling.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Alling, Chas. D.	Hill, Chas. L.	Rider, H. A.
Bland, John A.	Hoadley, D. F.	Russell, Stephen D.
Bradley, Willet	Hoadley, Robt.	Schneller, Geo. O.

Bunnell, Joseph A.	Holbrook, David B.	Shipman, H. A.
Castle, Ferris A.	James, C. W.	Skinner, H.
Canfield, S. H.	James, Thos. Jr.	Smith, Truman B.
Colburn, Richard R.	Lindley, John	Smith, Edwin
Cotter, Samuel A.	Lindley, John L.	Smith, H. J.
Cotter, James P.	Linde, E. W.	Sperry, Hobart
Cowell, John	Lum, Franklin M.	Sperry, E. Frank
Davis, Sam'l P.	Mackey, Peter B.	Steel, W. W.
Ells, Edwin	Merritt, Robt.	Terrell, Wales
Ely, Geo. E.	Miles, Harrison C.	Tucker, R. H.
Freeman, Jacob	Munson, H. B.	Wallace, Thos. Jr.
Granger, H. W.	Neaschler, Fred'k	Whiting, J. H.
Gordon, Edwin T.	Nichols, Benj.	Whitworth, Edw'd
Hall, George	Payne, E. H.	Willis, Wm.
Hall, John H.	Pemberton, James	Wilcockson, J. J.
Hayes, Chas. H.	Palmer, John E.	Wooster, L. T.

GRANITE, No. 36, Thomaston.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Fridays each month.
Time of Annual Convocation, second Friday in December.

OFFICERS.

Carlos Welton, H. P.	Merwin C. Jones, P. S.
Augustus E. Blakeslee, K.	John R. Fowler, R. A. C.
James W. White, S.	James I. Gilbert, 3d V.
John H. Alcott, Treas.	Charles C. Blackman, 2d V.
William B. Gilbert, Sec'y.	Robert Henderson, 1st V.
Samuel S. Lamb, C. of H.	Richard Chapman, Tyler.

EXALTED.

William B. Gilbert,	William R. White.
James I. Gilbert,	Benjamin F. Webster,
John H. Alcott,	Jerome Munger,
Robert Henderson,	Thomas D. Bradsreet,
Samuel S. Lamb,	Henry T. Hoadley,
Richard Chapman,	Joseph D. Carter,
Homer E. Cook,	James M. Chatfield.

DIED.

John L. Frisbie.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Alcott, John H.	Chapman, Richard	Jones, Merwin C.
Blackman, Curtiss A.	Cook, Homer E.	Kelsey, Strong A.
Blackman, Charles C.	Cartey, Joseph D.	Lamb, Samuel S.
Blakeslee, Augustus E.	Chatfield, James M.	Munger, Jerome
Baldwin, N. Taylor	Fogg, Lawrence D.	Mason, Henry
Bevins, Ira N.	Fowler, John R.	Plume, David S.
Bishop, D. D.	Gilbut, William B.	Talmadge, E. M.
Bradstreet, Thomas D.	Gilbut, James I.	Welton, Carlos
Curtiss, Augustus B.	Hunter, O. D.	White, James W.
Clark, J. W.	Henderson, Robert	White, William R.
Chapman, John	Hoadley, Henry T.	Webster, Benjamin F.

MOOSUP, No. 37, Moosup.

Time of Stated Convocation, second and fourth Fridays in each month.
 Time of Annual Convocation, second Friday in March.

OFFICERS.

Frank W. Spalding, H. P.	Horace E. Balcom, P. S.
George H. Lovegrove, K.	George W. Shepard, R. A. C.
Frank S. Burgess, S.	James Sanderson, 3d V.
George Sanderson, Treas.	Henry A. Boss, 2d V.
Orrin F. Smith, Sec'y.	Nelson P. Aldrich, 1st V.
John Roney, C. of H.	John W. Fisk, Tyler.

EXALTED.

James Sanderson,	Lewis D. Gumb,
Timothy Heap,	William W. Grandy,
George O. Fogg,	James E. Lovegrove,
George W. Shepard,	John W. Fisk,
Nelson P. Aldrich,	James Whitehead,
Charles K. Hargraves.	

ADMITTED.

Marvin H. Sanger.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP.

Atwood, James	Grandy, Wm. W.	Rood, John D.
Aldrich, Nelson P.	Gumb, Lewis D.	Roney, John

Burgess, Frank S.
Bennett, John H.
Balcam, Horace E.
Boss, Henry A.
Cross, Wm. J.
Clark, Henry F.
Crandall, Phineas
Fogg, George O.
Fisk, John W.
Forbes, H. A.
Gorton, Jonathan

Howey, Henry
Heap, Timothy
Hargraves, Chas K.
Johnson, Darius T.
Joss, John
Kinlock, James
Lovegrove, Geo. H.
Lovegrove, James E.
Mathewson, Philip
Merrill, S. M.
Pike, James

Smith, George H.
Smith, Orrin F.
Spalding, Frank W.
Scorgie, Mathewson
Sanderson, George
Sanderson, James
Sanger, Marvin H.
Shepard, George W.
Walker, Aaron T.
Whitehead, James

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Name of Chapter.	No.	Secretary.	Post Office Address.	Enrolled.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Suspensions.	Struck from roll.	Withdrew.	Died.	Members.	Dues.
Hiram,	1	H. L. Beers,	Newtown,	24	1			1			6	20	96 00
Franklin,	2	Edwin W. Ensign,	New Haven,	5	1					39	1	416	20 00
Solomon,	3	Arthur R. Blakelee,	Derby,	6	2					3	3	117	20 00
Franklin,	4	John Benson,	Norwich,	16								261	64 00
Washington,	6	Clarence E. Atkins,	Middletown,	8							1	125	24 00
Union,	7	W. H. Morris, Jr.	New London,	2								196	12 00
Trinity,	9	Chester Tilden,	Willimantic,	3						2	1	99	8 00
Rittenhouse,	11	Warren B. Stetson,	Stamford, Box 292	9						1	1	95	12 00
Warren,	12	Mowry Amsbury,	Killingly,	5						16	2	106	36 00
Jerusalem,	13	Edwin I. Pyle,	Bridgeport, Box 599	4						1	3	292	20 00
Meridian,	15	F. M. Cooke,	West Winsted,	8								95	16 00
Darius,	16	Wm. H. Braman,	Litchfield,	17							1	73	32 00
Pythagorus,	17	Henry E. Spencer,	Hartford,	1							8	459	68 00
Adoniram,	18	A. D. West,	Rockville,	1								66	4 00
Jerusalem,	19	David H. Miller,	Georgetown,	2								23	4 00
La Fayette,	20	J. W. Gillen,	Granby,	6								45	8 00
Benevolence,	21	Chas. D. Burrows,	Mystic River,	2								108	24 00
Eureka,	22	Lyman White,	Box 76 Waterbury,	6						1	1	217	24 00
Pureka,	23	Geo. M. Raymond,	Danbury,	6						1	1	151	8 00
Washington,	24	Jacob Turk,	Norwalk,	12							3	138	24 00
Giddings,	25	Thos. D. Towle,	New Britain,	14								126	48 00
Pulaski,	26	R. C. Smith,	Fair Haven,	15								134	56 00
Keystone,	27	Nelson C. Merriam,	W. Meriden, B. 390	4						2		205	60 00
Palmer,	28	Isaac F. Burdick,	Westerly, R. I.	6						4	1	138	16 00
Burning Bush,	29	Edward W. Redfield,	Essex,	6							1	67	24 00
Washington,	30	Samuel White	Suffield,	6								62	24 00
Columbia,	31	Warren Case,	Collinsville,	2						1		63	8 00
Pequabuck,	32	Thos. F. Barbour,	Bristol,	8						11		76	32 00
Ousaonic,	33	Geo. W. Anthony,	New Milford,	2								37	8 00
Freestone,	34	W. D. Freeman,	Portland,	5								28	20 00
Mount Vernon,	35	R. H. Tucker,	Ansonia,	12								37	48 00
Granite,	36	Wm. B. Gilbert,	Thomaston,	14							1	33	56 00
Moosup,	37	O. F. Smith	Moosup,	11	1							38	44 00

RECAPITULATION

OF

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS FOR THE YEAR END-
ING MAY 13, A. D., 1873.

Exhibit of the Work.

No. of members reported last year	4,019
“ Exalted	230
“ Admitted	6
“ Discrepancy in returns	30
Total	4,285
“ Withdrawn	79
“ Died	35
“ Struck from the roll	4
“ Suspended	1
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Total membership	4,166
 Amount of dues from exaltations at \$4.00	 \$920.00
“ “ Fines collected	8.00
“ Dispensations and charters	270.00
Total receipts	\$1,198.00

REPRESENTATIVES

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT NEAR FOREIGN GRAND
CHAPTERS.

Ex-Comp.	J. P. Hanner	for Tennessee.
"	" John N. Lewis, of New York	for New York.
"	" Wm. S. Combs, of St. Paul	for Minnesota.
"	" Owen A. Bassett, of Lawrence	for Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVES.

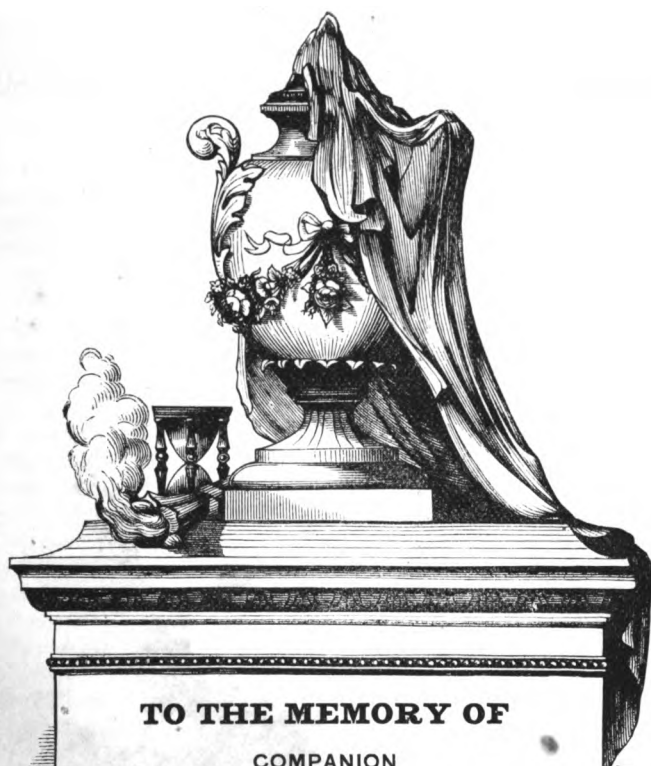
OF

OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Ex-Comp.	Nathan Dikeman, of Waterbury,	for Minnesota.
"	" James L. Gould, of Bridgeport,	for Vermont.
"	" L. A. Lockwood, of Greenwich,	for New York.
"	" Wm. W. Lee, of West Meriden,	for Arkansas.
"	" J. E. Bidwell, of Middletown,	for Oregon.
"	" J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford	for Missouri.
"	" James L. Gould, of Bridgeport,	for Tennessee
"	" Chas. W. Carter, of Norwich,	for Wisconsin.

Grand Secretaries and their Addresses.

1. Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
2. Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
3. California,	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
4. Canada,	Ralph A. Woodcock,	Ingersoll.
5. Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
6. District of Columbia,	Wm. A. Yates,	Washington.
7. Delaware,	J. P. Almond,	Wilmington.
8. Florida,	William M. McIntosh,	Tallahassee.
9. Georgia,	J. Emmet Blackshear,	Macon.
10. Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
11. Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
12. Iowa,	William B. Langridge,	Muscataine.
13. Kansas,	Erasmus T. Carr,	Leavenworth.
14. Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
15. Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
16. Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
17. Maryland,	William A. Wentz,	Baltimore.
18. Massachusetts,	H. Thomas, Jr.,	Boston.
19. Michigan,	J. Eastman Johnson,	Centerville.
20. Minnesota,	William S. Combs,	Saint Paul.
21. Mississippi,	James L. Power,	Jackson.
22. Missouri,	George Frank Gouley,	Saint Louis.
23. Nebraska,	D. H. Wheeler,	Plattsmouth.
24. New Hampshire,	Abel Hutchins,	Concord.
25. New Jersey,	John Wolverton,	Trenton.
26. New York,	Christopher G. Fox,	Buffalo.
27. North Carolina,	Thomas B. Carr,	Wilmington.
28. Nova Scotia,	James Gossip,	Halifax.
29. Ohio,	James Nesbitt,	Troy.
30. Oregon,	Richard P. Earhart,	Salem.
31. Pennsylvania,	John Thompson,	Philadelphia.
32. Rhode Island,	George H. Burnham,	Providence.
33. South Carolina,	Augustine T. Smythe,	Charleston.
34. Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
35. Texas,	Robert Brewster,	Houston.
36. Vermont,	William H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
37. Virginia,	John Dove, M. D.,	Richmond.
38. West Virginia,	Oliver S. Long,	Wheeling.
39. Wisconsin,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.
40. United States,	Christopher G. Fox,	Buffalo, N. Y.



TO THE MEMORY OF
COMPANION

WILLIAM STORER.

Died May 30th, A. D. 1872.

Aged 73 Years.

We tenderly cherish his Memory.



TO THE MEMORY OF

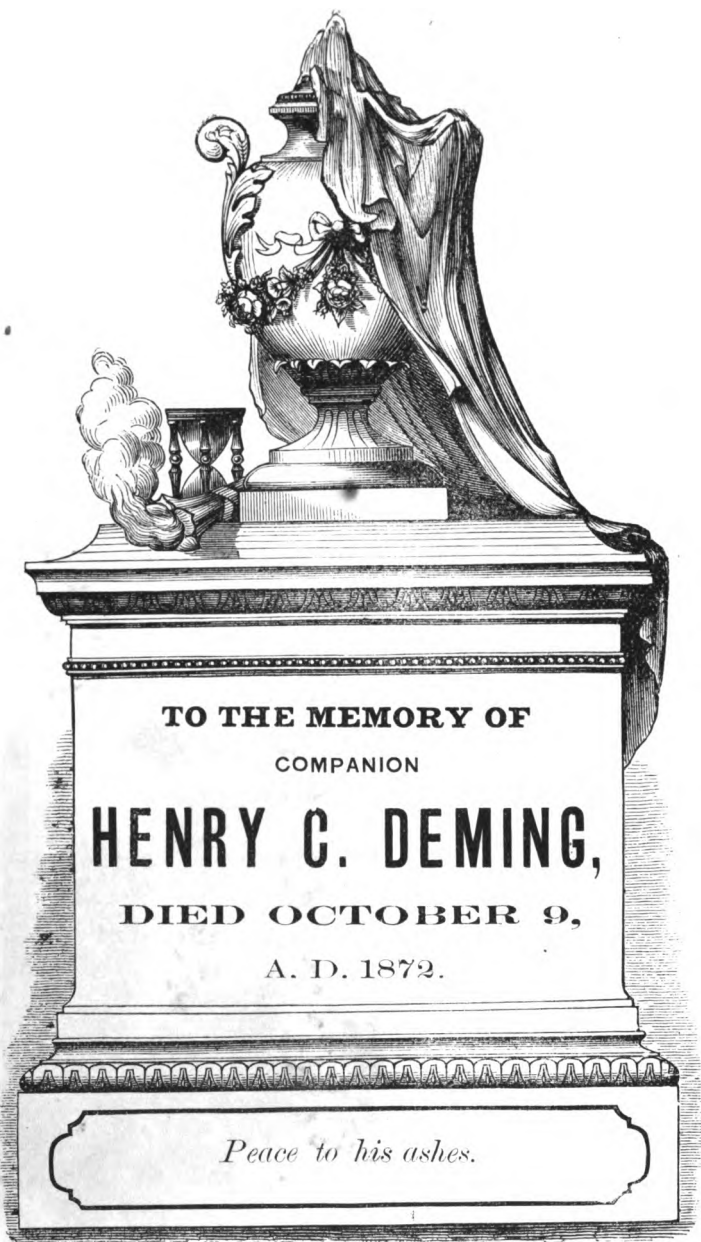
COMPANION

RALPH I. INGERSOLL.

DIED AUGUST 26,

A. D. 1872.

An upright man, and good Mason.





TO THE MEMORY OF

COMPANION

JOHN C. BLACKMAN.

Died December 8th,

A. D. 1872.

He rests from his labors.

Report of Foreign Correspondence.

TO THE M.: E.: GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report.

The proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters in the following jurisdictions have been submitted to us :

Alabama,	1872	Missouri,	1872
California,	1872	Nebraska,	1872
Canada,	1872	New Hampshire,	1872
District of Columbia,	1872	New Jersey,	1872
Indiana,	1872	Nova Scotia,	1872
Iowa,	1872	Ohio,	1872
Georgia,	1872	Oregon,	1872
Kansas.	1872	South Carolina,	1872
Kentucky,	1873	Tennessee,	1872
Louisiana,	1873	Texas,	1872
Maine,	1872	Vermont,	1872
Maryland,	1872	Virginia,	1872
Massachusetts,	1872	Wisconsin,	1873
Michigan,	1873		

We have also received the record of the Proceedings at the formation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, in November, 1871.

An illness, extending through many weeks in the past winter and early spring has prevented that thorough revision which we had intended, and which most of the reports deserve, and

has constrained us to limit our criticisms to the proceedings in convocation, and those portions of the reports on correspondence only, which refer to Connecticut, and the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

ALABAMA.

The forty-sixth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was convened at the city of Montgomery on the 30th day of December, 1872. M.: E.: Henry Clay Armstrong, Grand High Priest, presiding over the representatives of forty-five Chapters.

The annual address was very brief and contains nothing of general interest.

Although this Grand Chapter, for the past twelve years, has refused allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted, show that the influence of the latter body extends over its counsels, and shapes its policy.

Whereas, An edict prohibiting the use of substitutes was promulgated by the M.: Ex.: Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama in 1853, to be found on page 49 of Chapter Code of Alabama ; and,

Whereas, A closer scrutiny and more careful research have found that in the oldest chapters on this continent they have been in use from their inception to the present time ; and,

Whereas, At an assemblage of the most prominent and learned Royal Arch Masons, held during the past year, known as the General Grand Chapter of the United States, it was declared that the use of substitutes is neither unlawful nor a violation of the O. B. of a R. A. Mason ; therefore,

Resolved, That the edict above referred to be repealed.

Resolved, That the use of more than one substitute at a time is forbidden by this Grand Chapter, unless a dispensation shall first have been obtained from the M.: Ex.: Grand High Priest.

This action induces the belief that at its next convocation Alabama will wheel into line, and adopt the following, which were laid over for action at that time,

Whereas, The reasons which induced the M.: Ex.: Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama to declare "That the connection subsisting between the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama and the General Grand Chapter of the United States be, and the same is hereby, dissolved," passed by this M. Ex. Grand Chapter at its convocation in 1861, have ceased to exist; and,

Whereas, this M. Ex. Grand Chapter believes that great good to the R. A. craft might result in united and harmonious action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said resolutions be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

What those reasons were we do not know, but since they have ceased to exist, we hope and believe that before another twelve months shall have run, they will have been forgotten by every one, and another member fully and cordially restored to the grand family of Royal Craftsmen.

The fact that nothing else transpired at Montgomery, beyond the ordinary routine, is the best evidence that all is progressing well with our Alabama Companions. We had forgotten the resolution recognizing and greeting the new Grand Chapter of West Virginia, but that, so far from detracting from the evidence of well being, only shows that the true fraternal spirit is warm and active in their hearts.

R.: E.: Palmer J. Phillans submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews with ability, the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters—four of them for two years. Among these Connecticut for 1872. He quotes at length, the opening of M.: E.: Comp. Stearns' address, and M.: E.: Comp. Lockwood's criticism on the discussion in the General Grand Chapter concerning the G.: O.: W.: prefacing the latter with thanks for the opportunity of republishing it.

Of us he says,

The Committee on Correspondence for the next year was Companion John N. Lewis, of New York City.

In answer to the paragraph we feel called upon to inform Companion Phillaus, that which is well known here, but doubtless not in Alabama, that hundreds of residents of Connecticut carry on business in New York City, going in and out daily by rail. We should be most happy to welcome our R.: E.: Com-

panion at our office in New York, or within the veils of Rittenhouse Chapter, at Stamford, Connecticut.

The report closes as follows:

Thus, Companions, we have attempted faithfully to perform the duty assigned to us, and though at times we may seem to have been prolix, in every instance we have selected what we thought would be instructive as well as interesting. The greatest difficulty we have had to contend with is the ever recurring conviction that our production will be read by only a few of our immediate family and the reporters.

The Grand Chapter ought to hear and be willing to listen to these reports, for oftentimes they contain matter of great importance to the craft, and always more or less of masonic law, and we are satisfied that if they were more generally read, as well as the report of the Grand Lodge, our presiding officers of both lodge and chapter would less frequently annoy the Grand Officers with oft-repeated enquiries on the most absolutely established points of masonic law.

M.: E.: Myles J. Greene, of Loachapoka, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Secretary. R.: E.: Companion Phillans retains the correspondence. His address is Mobile.

CALIFORNIA.

The eighteenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was convened at the Masonic Temple in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday April 9th, 1872. M.: E.: James Lawrence English, Grand High Priest presiding, and thirty-six chapters being represented.

We congratulate our M.: E.: companion, and the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction, upon his being able to open his annual address with the statement, that "during the past year nothing whatever has occurred to mar in the slightest degree that perfect accord which should ever exist among Companions;" a statement which is verified by the report of the Committee on Grievances, later in the session, "that no business had been presented to that committee for its consideration."

A similar report from our own committee having engendered that serene self-satisfaction which we are glad to believe diffuses its benign influence in the hearts of our Companions on the other side of the continent.

From the address, and the subsequent action of the Grand Chapter, we find that dishonesty in high places is not confined to Connecticut alone; the late Grand Secretary of California being a defaulter to the amount of \$7,262.31; and we commend the action of the Grand High Priest in taking bonds from the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, (which action was approved by the Grand Chapter) as worthy of imitation in all Grand bodies. Our own Grand Chapter took similar action at the semi-annual convocation of October 1868. This very confidence which exists among Companions and Brethren, renders it easier for the unworthy to perpetrate a wrong; and no truly worthy Companion would deem it the slightest imputation, were he required to furnish bonds. Besides this, judging from our own case, and from what we have been able to gather of the prior standing and supposed character of California's delinquent, the defaulter has turned up in the very last person from whom the craft would have thought of asking security for fidelity.

In his comments upon the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, M.: E.: Companion English thus admirably remarks.

The General Grand Chapter also provided that substitutes in the Royal Arch degree *may* be authorized by Grand Chapters; but at the same time they earnestly urge subordinate Chapters to use *full* classes of actual candidates, except in cases of emergency. Under this permission it is for this Grand Chapter to determine whether or not the subordinates in this jurisdiction shall be authorized to use substitutes. It is much to be regretted that WEBB and his associates succeeded in establishing the present Chapter system of the United States, it being an entire innovation upon the body of Masonry as previously constituted; but that system has been adopted, not only by the Grand Chapters which originally formed the General Grand Chapter, but also, I believe, by those which did not acknowledge its authority. That the genius of the institution as now taught requires a full class of actual candidates, there can be no question. The only object in making use of substitutes is to hasten the advancement of the actual candidates; and it may well be questioned whether such employment, instead of impressing the can-

didates favorably with the sublimity of the work in which they are engaged, has not directly the effect of detracting from the exalted character of the degree. What is it to wait weeks, months, or even years for the degree? The fact that it is difficult to be obtained—that time and preparation are necessary, will only enhance its value—whilst hastening its reception, by the use of means foreign to its teachings, is only calculated to cheapen it. If you should determine to allow the use of substitutes in any case, I would respectfully recommend that provision be made that they shall only be used upon a dispensation being obtained therefor from the Grand High Priest. The General Grand Chapter earnestly urges the use of full classes of actual candidates, except in cases of emergency; and experience has taught us all that subordinates are too apt to conceive every case where a candidate is ready for a degree, to be one of emergency, and if they are to be the judges, the use of substitutes will be unrestricted. If, however, a dispensation shall be required, the Grand High Priest can determine, from all the facts and circumstances which it will be necessary to lay before him, whether the case is one calling for the exercise of his dispensing power.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom this portion of the address was referred, reported the following resolutions upon the subject, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

Resolved, That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter, asking such dispensation.

We heartily concur in this action and think it decidedly better than our own regulation, which is simply a declaratory resolution, deprecating the use of substitutes except in cases of extreme emergency.

The constitution was amended by adding to the proper section the following:

In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the High Priest, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

We had supposed this to be so well settled as a principle of Masonic common law as to render statutory enactment superfluous.

We notice that among the officers of this Grand Chapter there is no Grand Principal Sojourner. Why this omission we are at loss to imagine. Will Companion Wiggin enlighten us?

The very full and able report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by R.: E.: Companion Charles Louis Wiggin. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, besides those of the General Grand Chapter at its twenty-first triennial convocation in 1871, at Baltimore.

The three pages in which he refers to Connecticut are almost entirely devoted to M.: E.: Companion Lockwood's report on correspondence, which he justly terms "an able and interesting review," and from which he quotes largely and approvingly. After giving Companion Lockwood's comments on the subject of the right of the Grand High Priest to make Royal Arch Masons "at sight," in his review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Companion Wiggin surprises us by the statement, that in California, no such right or prerogative is recognized as inherent in Grand High Priest or Grand Master. While not deeming it a question of much practical importance, we must show our ignorance by saying that we never before supposed it doubted by any one besides our six Rhode Island Companions referred to by Companion Lockwood.

From his reviews of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter we cut the following:

The following decision was announced: M. F. TRUETT, a "Past Master Mason," was expelled from all his rights and privileges as such, by Helena Chapter, U. D. TRUETT appealed to the General Grand Chapter, which body referred the matter to the General Grand High Priest, with power to act. The decision of that officer is couched in the following language:—

"From the documents placed in my hands, I became satisfied that there had been great irregularities committed in the proceedings during the trial of the accused, which would have warranted the setting aside of the verdict; but my decision was based upon the principal that a Chapter U. D. being but a "temporary and inchoate body," which exists only during the will and pleasure of the Grand Officer who brought it into being, and which he may dissolve at any time. It possesses no

power to try or discipline its members. It was therefore ordered that the proceedings of Helena Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., in expelling M. F. TRUETT from his rights and privileges as a 'Past Master Mason,' be set aside as irregular, and be declared null and void; and that said brother be restored to all his rights and privileges of a Past Master Mason, and to the position which he held in said Chapter at the time said charges were preferred against him."

We are perfectly well aware of the futility of discharging the feeble catapult of our dissent against the mighty bulwark of a General Grand High Priest's decision, especially when that decision is final and admits of no appeal, but to dissent is the privilege of the humblest, and we wish most respectfully but emphatically to place upon that decision the stamp of our disapproval. We can not agree with the General Grand High Priest that a Chapter U. D. is a "temporary and inchoate body." It has, for the time being, a complete organization, and possesses all the powers and prerogatives of a chartered and duly constituted Chapter, so far as the making of Royal Arch Masons is concerned; and we hold that a body having the power to make Masons, should have power to discipline or unmake them when found to be unworthy. It is true that a Chapter U. D. "exists only during the will and pleasure of the Grand Officer who brought it into being;" but the same rule will apply to a chartered Chapter, which can exist only during the will and pleasure of the Grand Body whose creature it is, and whose existence may even be temporarily stifled by the Grand High Priest himself during the intervals of the Convocations of the Grand Chapter.

If Companion Wiggin will permit us, we beg to enlist our modest cross-bow under the dissenting banner. We have the same humble consciousness of the impotence of our weapons, but might does not always make right, and even our approval may be encouraging.

M.: E.: Companion Jacob Hart Neff, of Auburn, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion Charles Louis Wiggin, of San Francisco, Grand Secretary. Companion Wiggin was also appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

CANADA.

The fifteenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was convened in the City of Toronto on the 14th day of August, 1872. In the absence of M.: E.: T. Douglas

Harrington, G.: Z.: E.: Companion Thompson Wilson, P.: G.: Z.: assumed "the Throne." Thirty-eight Chapters were represented.

The address of M.: E.: Companion Harrington, which was read by Companion S. B. Harman, is devoted exclusively to matters of business and contains nothing of general interest outside his own jurisdiction. It is proper however to notice the cordial manner in which he alludes to "our Companions of the United States." We beg to assure him and the Companions of Canada of our fraternal regard.

From the reports of Companion Grand Superintendent Ross, and that of the Executive Committee on the condition of Masonry, we notice that our Canada Companions include the having "served the office of Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge," among the requisite qualifications of a "First Principal Z.: (High Priest) of a Chapter." We speak of this as a novel regulation, and have some doubts as to its wisdom, though we can see some elements of good in it. The G.: Z.:s address and the reports of the Grand Superintendent make frequent allusion to "the Grand Lodge of Quebec question." We are happy to say in a kindly spirit, however, we sincerely trust that this matter may be speedily and satisfactorily settled.

The following "omuium gatherum" motion was referred to the Executive Committee.

That the Constitution be so amended as to include all the Degrees of the A. & A. Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Royal Ark Mariner, and also the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry, as being recognized by this Grand Chapter.

As we find no report on the subject from the committee in the published proceedings, we assume that it lies over till the next annual convocation, or else "sleeps its last sleep" in some pigeon hole of the committee room. We are a little curious to know what they will do with it, as an index of the influence of Thurmometrical Masonry in Canada.

M.: E.: Companion Harrington having declined re-election, the Grand Chapter unanimously adopted the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter cannot permit its esteemed M.: E.: G.: Z.:, T. D. Harrington, to retire from the honorable position of its chief presiding officer—the onerous duties of which office he has ably discharged for the past eleven years—without recording its warmest appreciation of the untiring zeal and eminently sound judgment displayed by him in the multifarious questions that have, during that lengthened period, required his careful consideration and decision; and to mark in a more substantial manner that appreciation, it is hereby resolved that the E. Council be a committee to prepare an address in accordance with this resolution, to be accompanied with a suitable testimonial, on which shall be inscribed the high regard entertained for our M.: E.: Companion, and the eminent services rendered by him to Capitular Masonry.

A very just and well deserved tribute.

R.: E.: Companion Henry Robertson presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, besides the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We regret that Connecticut is not among the number, her proceedings being referred to as not received. We should particularly have liked to read Companion Robertson's views in reference to what Companion Lockwood has to say about the discussion concerning the G.: O.: W.:, as we find the following in his review of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter :

At this stage of the proceedings, important action was had relative to the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, the substance of which will be communicated through the Grand Councils of the State Grand Chapters at the next annual convocation of said Grand Bodies. In the discussion upon this matter very able assistance was rendered by Companion Albert Pike, and A. G. Mackey, the former of whom gave an eloquent and learned dissertation on the G. O. R. A. W., displaying an intimate acquaintance with the Sanscrit, Hebrew, and other derivations.

But perhaps our R.: E.: Companion is afflicted with the mania for innumerable Degrees.

He says of the General Grand Chapter :

The session lasted four days, and was probably one of the most important and influential that has yet been held, its results being such as

greatly to strengthen the body and to renew its vitality, which had seemed to be endangered. It is now stronger than ever before, and gives promise of largely increasing in prosperity and usefulness.

His closing words are well worth repeating here.

In concluding this report, your committee see great cause for congratulation at the harmony and prosperity which everywhere attend the Capital branch of Freemasonry. But its rapid growth and the prominent position it is now assuming before the world, furnish us with matter for serious deliberation, and we are led to inquire whether such rapidity of increase is an evidence of real prosperity, and if so, how it can best be maintained and made permanent, and also how its present position in the eyes of the general public can best be justified.

The best justification for this position is, undoubtedly, to be found in the daily walk and conversation of each individual Companion. If his life in the Chapter and in the world be Masonically pure; if he practices in his daily career the precepts taught within the Tabernacle, and promotes by every means in his power the great fundamental principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, then indeed the foundation is secure for that superstructure, perfect in its parts and honorable to the builder, which we all desire to erect.

These principles include the great watchword of our fraternity, Charity. Much has been done and is still being done, we are glad to say, in this direction, but much is still to be done, and to each individual Companion the honor of our craft is committed, and none can offend against these great truths without virtually wounding the institution which he has professed to admire and sworn to defend. We should plead for our distressed brethren, for means to place them in comfort for the short remainder of their checkered lives; for their widows, that they may once more know a home, and for their children, that they may be trained by industry and honesty, to reverse the sad decree of fortune which has made them recipients of aid.

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None of us should be satisfied until Masonry becomes a power to be felt and seen—to be felt by ourselves and seen by the outer world; a power that will foster the germs of good which lie in every man's nature, and nip in the bud the principles of evil which are also born with man, and which are so much more likely to increase and multiply. Nor let us be impatient of results; but let each in his generation do what is just, good and possible.

M. E. Companion Samuel B. Harman, of Toronto, was elected Grand Z. and M. E. Companion Ralph A. Woodcock, of Ingersoll, Grand Register.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The semi-annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, convened at the Masonic Temple in the City of Washington, on Tuesday, May 14th, 1872. R.: E.: R. W. Hardy, Grand King, presiding, and seven chapters being represented.

No business of general importance was transacted except the submission of certain questions, which were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and to which we will allude hereafter.

The sixth annual convocation convened at the same place on the 12th. of November, 1872. M.: E.: J. Daniels, presiding, and the same number of Chapters being represented.

The address of M.: E.: Companion Daniels is brief, but from it, and from the fact that no report was presented from the Committee on Grievances, we are glad to learn that in the distracted whirlpool of Washington life and society, there is one institution in which peace, harmony and uninterrupted prosperity prevails. Surely none other than Masonic influences could there produce such untoward results. The following extract cannot be too heartily approved, nor too earnestly commended to the consideration of the craft.

The large number dropped from the rolls in some of the Chapters, while it is not sufficient to interfere with the prosperity of the Chapters, it nevertheless shows that some have been permitted to enter who have been attracted to the spot either by idle curiosity or other improper motives; and having once passed the veils and been permitted to engage with us in one of the most glorious works in which it was ever the privilege of man to engage, their zeal, if they ever had any, dies at the threshold. They become drones in the hive, and have no more appreciation of symbolism of the *Holy Royal Arch* than the blind dog-fish in the Mammoth Cave has of the beauties and brilliancy of the noonday sun; and, my Companions, may it not be the case with us all, that in our desire to keep pace with the rapid growth of Masonry, we, to some extent, lose sight of the necessity of scrutinizing with jealous eye the material with which we build; for no man who is fit to be a Mason, and who properly appreciates the work in which he is engaged, will, under or-

dinary circumstances, allow his name to be dropped from the rolls of the craft, and help swell the ranks of those nondescripts—unaffiliated Masons.

We insert the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence entire. So remarkable a production could not be appreciated in sections.

At the last semi-annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter the following paper was submitted and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report to this Convocation.

“Can objections be legally entertained against an applicant for the Capitular degrees of Masonry previous to a ballot? If so, what is the status of the applicant? and what disposition should be made of the fee accompanying the application?”

1st. Your committee hold that at any stage of the proceedings, a Companion, who is a member of the Chapter and in good standing, has the right to object to the admission or advancement of an applicant, and that his objection, when offered, is legal; and the Chapter having nothing to do with the sufficiency of the Companion's reasons, the Brother objected to cannot be received or advanced until the objection is by the Companion offering it withdrawn, or his membership with the Chapter has ceased. Whether or not, in many, and indeed a majority of instances, the objection or protest is the preferable way for a Companion to exercise his legal right to prevent the admission of a Brother into his Chapter who for any reason he deems unworthy, is a question not before your committee, and therefore they have no opinion to offer in regard to the same.

2d. “What is the status of the applicant” against whose admission an objection has been offered? The petition having been received and referred, is the property of the Chapter, and cannot be withdrawn. Neither can the Brother be admitted or advanced so long as the objection of a Companion who is a member and in good standing lies. The status of the applicant objected to therefore seems to be simply this: His petition is pending before a Chapter, which prevents him petitioning anywhere else; and his admission having been objected to, he cannot be admitted so long as the objection remains.

3d. “What disposition should be made of the fee accompanying the application?” after an objection to the admission of an applicant has been offered. This inquiry does not involve any principle of Masonic law, but seems rather to be simply a question of Masonic equity. The fee is paid as the price of the degrees; and if a Chapter, for any reason whatever, refuses to confer the same, the fee is certainly not their property, and should therefore be returned to the applicant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

"Live and learn," is one of our favorite aphorisms. Will some member of the Committee on Jurisprudence or some other philanthropic Companion from the District, take compassion on our ignorance, and give us the authority for any *legal method of expressing* objection to an applicant *other* than by a negative vote in secret ballot. We have always been taught in Connecticut, that it is a Masonic offence for a Brother or Companion to disclose his opposition to a candidate, and that the very object and essence of the secret ballot is to prevent such opposition being traced to its source. It is safe to say that no candidate is ever proposed, either in Lodge or Chapter, except by some friend who believes him worthy and desires his admission. Any known opposition immediately invites discussion and necessarily tends to disrupt that peace and harmony which is the strength and support of all societies, but more especially of ours. The practical absurdity of the conclusion of the committee cannot be more forcible illustrated than by their efforts to defuse the status of the unfortunate so "objected" to, and dispose of his application fee. His status is that of Mahomet's coffin, suspended *somewhere* between earth and heaven, nobody knows where, and the Masonic Equity which returns the fee before the ballot, is not only a novel term, but supported by novel reasoning. We will simply ask, suppose the opposition to be withdrawn, is he to be asked to pay it over again before the ballot? We have always supposed it a condition precedent to the balloting for a candidate that the Lodge or Chapter should be *in possession* of a certain sum as an earnest of the sincerity of his intention in making application, which sum is forfeited by him if he fail to present himself for initiation within a given period. But enough has been said to indicate the points on which we need further light.

No further business of general interest was transacted; and, indeed, there appears to have been nothing beyond the usual routine, to occupy the Grand Chapter. The customary Standing Committees were appointed but with the exception of that above given and the Committee on Finance, do not appear to have made any report.

The elaborate report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R.: E.: Companion Noble D.

Larner. The proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters are reviewed by him at considerable length and with copious extracts.

Of Connecticut he truthfully says "no business of general interest was transacted at either of the convocations," but he does not seem to recognize the reason for this state of tranquility and dignified repose. The fact is that we have got our Masonic machinery in such perfect running order, and the craft are so thoroughly imbued with Masonic light and spirit here in Connecticut, that meeting in Convocations has come to be but little more than a pleasant reunion of Companions for the interchange of friendly intercourse. Such reunions never require the transaction of much business.

He thinks it a good plan to have the report on correspondence printed before the convocations, and recommends its adoption by all Grand Chapters. We thank him for his approval.

After quoting Companion Lockwood's criticism of the resolutions adopted in Ohio, declaring that a maimed Master Mason may receive the capitular degrees, Companion Larner says:—

We think Companion Lockwood has here, in very few words, completely annihilated the new idea of the "lame, the halt and the blind" being proper ones to engage in the "rebuilding."

Referring to Companion Lockwood's argument against the position assumed by Companion Pike in the General Grand Chapter, as to the G.: O.: W.: he says:—

We do not allude to this for the purpose of discussing the matters referred to, nor can we agree with him that such was Companion Pike's motive, but simply to give notice to our Companions that the issue has been made with Companion Pike, and that they may look forward to an interesting discussion of this subject.

Does Companion Larner confess allegiance to the thermometrical rite?

M.: E.: Companion Abner T. Longley, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion L. G. Stephens, Grand Secretary: both of the City of Washington. R.: E.: Companion

E. B. MacGrotty, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

INDIANA.

The twenty-seventh annual "*communication*" (sic.) of the Grand Chapter of Indiana assembled at the Grand Masonic Hall in the city of Indianapolis on Wednesday, October 23d, 1872; M. E. Rees J. Chestnutwood, Grand High Priest presiding over representatives from seventy-five subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest's address is a plain and business like statement of his official acts. He says his duties have been comparatively light. He has had no difficult questions to answer, and no strife or contention has been visible. From the fact that neither the address nor the legislation of the Grand Chapter, presents anything of interest to Companions outside the jurisdiction, we are glad to assume that the Royal Craft in Indiana has reached that serene eminence which necessitates but little legislation, and less discipline. Connecticut has for some years rested peacefully on the same exalted level; which accounts for the lack of spice in our proceedings. We judge Indiana by ourselves.

We find two or three matters which deserve passing notice. For instance, our western Companions do not expect their officers to work for nothing and pay their own travelling expenses, as we do. *Per Consequentia* their officers appear to perform their duties faithfully.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by the Grand High Priest, referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and by them examined and reported on to the Grand Chapter, before its adoption. We rather approve this mode of proceeding, though it is somewhat novel. It is a healthy check upon the usual unlimited freedom accorded to, and which we have seen abused by masonic reporters.

They have no Grand Principal Sojourner in Indiana, and

the Committees on Charities and dispensations pass upon the by-laws of Subordinate Chapters.

We find printed at the end of the pamphlet under the head of "Amendments,"—we assume—to the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.

WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SEC. 204. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand suspended, will restore him to the privileges of the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

SEC. 205. The payment of all dues for which a member may stand expelled, and a vote of a majority of members present at a stated Communication, will restore him to his standing in the Order as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason.

We had always supposed that no Mason could be suspended or expelled except for a Masonic offense involving moral turpitude on the part of the offender, and we still hold to that opinion. We cannot see any evidence of depravity in neglecting to pay dues or assessments *per se*, and are glad that here in Connecticut the only penalty which can be inflicted for such non-payment is striking the impecunious Companion from the roll, which carries with it no stigma. Masonry regards no man for his wealth, and disregards no man for his poverty. We hope our Indiana Companions will soon wipe out any and all regulations or By-Laws, which make it possible to suspend, or expel a Companion for the sin of poverty.

M.: E.: Companion Chestnutwood reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, Connecticut receiving a fair share of his notice.

He approves our custom of exemplifying the work at the semi-annual convocations, and tries to be a little funny over an expression in Companion Stearn's address. The joke isn't worth copying. We *might* retort by asking who read the proof of the second paragraph of page 41—but we won't. He says Companion Luke A. Lockwood presents a very able report on Foreign correspondence, and as "silence gives assent" we assume he indorses all Companion Lockwood's statements.

M.: E.: Companion Eden H. Davis, of Shelbyville, was elec-

ted Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The eighteenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, was convened at Oskaloosa, on Wednesday, October 16th, 1872, M.: E.: Edward A. Guilbert, Grand High Priest, presiding, and forty-one Chapters being represented.

The annual address of M.: E.: Companion Guilbert is a straightforward, business-like document, and entirely devoid of those superfluities, which, although very proper and in a sense praiseworthy, have nevertheless become somewhat monotonous from constant repetition. He speaks with gratification of the general communication between himself and the several Chapters, and recommends the adoption of some plan whereby a more thorough official visitation can be accomplished.

We are somewhat puzzled by his recommendation "that no official edict issuing from the *East of the Grand Secretary* shall be mandatory unless it have their seal (that of the Grand High Priest) attached thereto." Do they take the points of the compass from the Grand Secretary in Iowa? Is his seat upon the altar? Does he keep his eye fixed on the polar star so as to be a truthful index? We ask Companion Langridge for light. Will he also please inform us which part of his person is his "East," and whether this issuing of edicts therefrom has a debilitating effect upon his general health.

Companion Guilbert says:

During the year I have granted quite a number of special dispensations to subordinate Chapters, to receive and act upon petitions out of time. I hold that the probation of one month required by our present law, is entirely unnecessary. Chapters are as well prepared on the night a petition is presented, to ballot upon Master Masons' applicants, as they are one month thereafter, and I see no reason why the probation should be required by this Grand Body.

We cannot endorse these views, but most heartily concur in

the report of the committee on addresses, on this subject, as follows:

In the matter of special dispensations to ballot for and confer degrees out of time, your committee are of the opinion that such warrants should be issued with the greatest care, and only then where the circumstances of the particular case clearly shows that such departure from the general rule would be beneficial. We hold, that, whenever in the good judgment of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest a proper case arises wherein he is justified in issuing such dispensation, it should be the duty of the High Priest of the Chapter receiving the same to notify, in writing, every Companion thereof, and of the time of the balloting upon the petition, to the end that every member may be fully cognizant of all the facts in the case. Your committee are also of opinion that the old rule, which requires a petition to be laid over for one month before balloting thereon, is a wise regulation, and ought to be adhered to. In our opinion, it is the only safe way, and thus every member may have knowledge thereof, and cannot complain of undue haste.

From the concluding remarks of our M.: E.: Companion we infer that the Hall of Hiram Chapter is laid in tiles, which must be cold in the winter season. We prefer a carpet to a "checkered floor."

We notice the following rulings of the Grand High Priest.

Query. "We have in our Chapter two Companions who pay dues, hold appointed offices, and have signed the by-laws. They were borrowed from a neighboring Chapter in order to complete the requisite number of applicants for a dispensation, and have been reported to the Grand Chapter as members; but they were never dimitted from the mother Chapter. We have been advised that there is something wrong about this matter, and wish to know how to dispose of the matter. Is it necessary for them to petition the Chapter for membership, or can we take them in now on a simple deposit of their dimits?"

Answer. The Chapter recommending your application for a warrant violated a plain rule of the Grand Chapter, in not seeing to it that ALL the petitioners *were* regularly dimitted. Let them at once dimit from the mother Chapter, and deposit the demits with you, as Secretary of the Chapter. No further action is necessary. They will then become *de facto*, as they have been *de jure*, members of your Chapter. If they fail at once to do this, the course to be pursued is to strike their names from your roll, making due explanation on the records and returns of the reason why this is done. The Grand Chapter of the state of Iowa does not recognize dual membership.

Neither does Connecticut, nor any other Grand Chapter that we know of, always excepting Georgia.

Query. "A Master Mason, in good standing, petitions our Chapter for the degrees. A Companion who, as it now appears, was unfavorable to his election, was present when the petition was received, but made no objection to its reference to a committee of investigation. It was so referred. The Companion knew when the petition matured, but was not present at the balloting, although he acknowledged that he could have been present; neither did he make objections to the committee. The petitioner, who is one of our best citizens, was elected. Now the Companion claims the right to prevent me from conferring the degrees. Has he the right to do this under these circumstances?"

Answer. It would be rank injustice, and therefore an unmasonic act, for you, as High Priest, to heed objections made under the circumstances detailed. The objector should be required to state his objections fully; and you should judge as to their efficiency. If he fails to do this, you should pay no further attention to him, but proceed to confer the degrees on the candidate, who has been lawfully elected, and that, too, with the full knowledge of the objector.

Referring to this decision, the Committee on Jurisprudence to which it was referred, makes the following report which, we are glad to see, was adopted.

The right of any Companion in good standing to object to the conferring of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon a brother Mason, we claim to be inherent, and, whenever made, must be respected. If the objector shall, in a captious spirit, actuated by unworthy motives, for the purpose of seeking revenge for supposed personal injuries upon frivolous pretexts, in this manner seek to frustrate the objects of the Order, and prevent the advancement of a worthy brother, it would be the duty of the Chapter promptly to visit, with condign punishment, the Companion who thus grossly offends; but to us it is clear, that a Companion thus objecting cannot, in this summary way, be overborne, and his solemn protests disregarded. Upon charges properly preferred, and due trial had, alone should the matter be determined. Any other course to us seems fraught with danger, and an infringement upon the individual rights of the members. For these, and other reasons that might be urged, we are of the opinion that any Companion has the right to object to the conferring of the capitular degrees, or any of them, upon any one at any time before it is actually done, and that when such objection is made by a Companion in good standing, it must be respected.

The same committee is equally sound in what follows :

The following resolution, to wit :—

Resolved, That the delegates from Chapters under dispensation, to whom charters have now been granted, be admitted to vote and take part in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter,

Having been submitted to us for our opinion as to the right or power of this body to adopt the same, we answer, that after the surrender of the dispensation, and the interval between that time and the time of the election and installation of officers, under the charter, the rights and powers of the subordinate body is held in abeyance, and, as a Chapter, they have no power to do anything but to meet for the purpose of organizing in accordance with the rules and usages of the Order. As a matter of course, it would follow, as it seems to us, that the Grand Chapter could not, by the adoption of the resolution, grant such Chapter any rights or privileges not vested in them by their charter, and most certainly among which is not the right to legislate for subordinate bodies already organized.

We congratulate Companion Langridge on having discovered the degree of consanguinity between the General Grand Chapter and those of the several States. On the whole we think “step-mother” is rather good in capitular Masonry, however unfortunate the relationship may be in individual experience.

In looking over the Grand High Priest's address we noticed the following, which at the time, we imagined to refer to some compendium of the previous legislation of the Grand Chapter.

Learning from the Grand Secretary, soon after our last annual gathering, that Past Grand High Priest Luse had, during his term of office, caused to be carefully prepared a copy in full of the work you had previously adopted, and that he was desirous that it should come into the possession of this Grand Body, I directed our efficient Grand Secretary to communicate with him and effect a purchase of that copy. Accordingly this was done, the Past Grand High Priest disposing of the same at the price he actually paid for the copy, viz., \$50, and the work is now deposited in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

Imagine our surprise, therefore, when our eyes were opened by the Committee on the Address which reports :

We also approve the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in causing a correct copy of our work to be purchased and deposited in our archives. In our judgment, the necessities of the craft demanded such action, and as a result, there can be no further question as to what is the correct ritual for our Chapters, and thus these difficult matters are settled and at rest.

The Grand Chapter approved and paid the bill. Comment is unnecessary. But what will our "step-mother" say? And will she be disposed to exercise the maternal prerogative of discipline?

The subject of the most general interest to the Royal Craft, which was considered at Oscaloosa, is found in the following remarks of M. E. Companion Guilbert, and the report of the very able Committee on Jurisprudence. We commend it to your careful consideration.

I desire to direct the attention of the Grand Chapter to a matter of paramount importance, and to urge affirmative action thereupon. I have long since, from reflection and extended observation, arrived at the conclusion that membership in the Chapter should depend upon Lodge affiliation. I am satisfied that in every way it would be to the interests of Masonry if this Grand Chapter would, by a formal edict, pronounce against the vicious practice, now somewhat prevalent, of Companions withdrawing, from economical, or other motives, from the Lodge, and yet retaining membership in the associate bodies. Our regulations require that applicants for degrees in the Chapter must, as a condition precedent, be affiliated Master Masons, but these regulations do not, in my judgement, go far enough in that they do not also require continued membership in the Chapter shall depend upon continuous membership in the Lodge. The evil to which I allude is growing, and it is time it was checked. I respectfully recommend the matter to you in the hope that you will carefully consider it, and then take such action as seems to me to be demanded.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution following:

Resolved, as a general regulation, That hereafter no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall retain any Companion as a member in good standing, who is not affiliated with some Blue Lodge, but that if he is dimitted from his Lodge he shall occupy a corresponding position in reference to his Chapter;"

Beq leave to report advising the adoption thereof, with the following amendment, viz: that it shall be of force in cases of a continued dismiss-

ion of one year, or where the party has not applied for membership in a Lodge upon his demit and been rejected.

What action was taken in the premises by the Grand Chapter does not appear.

Companion U. D. Taylor presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, Connecticut among the number. He makes two quotations from M.: E.: Companion Stearns' address, from — as he expresses it — “among many other good things,” and, in his hearty style, approves our action in reference to printing the early records of our Grand Chapter. “That’s the way to do it.”

Those of us who have read Companion Taylor’s report are familiar with the facetious vein which crops out in nearly every sentence. Here is what he says of Companion Lockwood’s remarks on the report of the Iowa representatives to the General Grand Chapter.

What *shall* we do? Here we have a Companion of known zeal and worth saying “taint so,” while our delegates say, “I know better.” Of such is the kingdom of — Baltimore.

His sagacity too is only equaled by his facetiousness. He wants to “bet an old white hat he can guess how Lockwood votes,” simply because the latter refers to the adoption of “the one term principal,” by the Grand Chapter of Iowa, as a reflection of the political sentiment of the day.

We take the bet.

Companion Taylor evidently means to keep his reputation for wit, so far as Connecticut is concerned, for, “brevity is” — &c. We wish we were witty.

We cannot close our reference to Iowa, without alluding to the portrait of M.: E.: Companion Guilbert, which prefaces the pamphlet. It is a fine steel engraving, and does credit alike to the artist and to the appreciation of Companion Guilbert’s services to the Royal Craft, which is thus delicately attested by his companions. We have in this jurisdiction more than one M.: E.: Companion whom we delight to honor, and

in our humble opinion, those sentiments can find no more appropriate expression than in publishing and binding their portraits with our printed proceedings.

M.: E.: Companion Edward A. Guilbert, of Dubuque, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion William B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Secretary. Companion U. D. Taylor, of Fort Madison, retains the reportorial quill.

GEORGIA.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, was convened at Masonic Hall in the city of Augusta, on Wednesday, April 24th, 1872. M.: E.: Moses P. Kellogg, Grand High Priest, presiding, and forty Chapters being represented.

About one-half of the Grand High Priest's address is consumed in replying to the very just criticism of Companion Corson of New Jersey, on a paragraph in his previous annual address. We heartily join with Companion Corson in his admiration for Companion Kellogg's enthusiasm, honesty and zeal. But in the original expressions criticised, as well as the reply to the criticism, we detect a certain Masonic sentimentalism which we fear is becoming far too general for the real good of the Craft. Companion Corson says something which cannot be too often repeated in Lodge and Chapter. "Freemasonry never did and never will save the soul of a single sinner;" and unless this truth is taught and *remembered* by each brother and Companion, there is *great danger* that delusive hopes for a happy future existence will be built upon glittering generalities. We do not intend here to intrude our individual religious belief. But we do mean to say distinctly, the tenets of our Order bear upon their face the evidence, that while Freemasonry is calculated and designed to make men happier and better, it is, after all, but a training-school to fit them for the appreciation and reception of the still loftier tenets of pure and undefiled religion. Though we "covet ear-

nestly the best gifts" of our Order, be assured there is yet "a more excellent way" which we must attain, if we would reach "the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." We do not, and we presume Companion Corson does not claim that any Church *per se* can save a soul, any more Freemasonry, *per se*; but we insist that a man may believe and practice every tenet and good work taught by the Order, and yet fall short of salvation. Companion Kellogg has not "raised too high the standard of what a Mason should be," but we claim that in his earnest desire to attain that standard for himself and his Companions, he loses sight of the still loftier standard set up in the very gate of heaven. And this is what we mean by Masonic sentimentalism. We very much fear that there is a growing belief among Companions and brethren that living up to masonic teachings ensures salvation. Better far were our beloved Order, with all its pure and ennobling teachings, blotted out of existence, than that one Companion should assay the future world under any such delusion.

Companion Kellogg reports the following decision.

An applicant for the Chapter Degrees, residing in South Carolina, but doing business in Augusta, Georgia, was duly elected by the Chapter having proper jurisdiction, and their request, under seal, was forwarded to Augusta Chapter, No. 1, asking, as an act of courtesy, that the Degrees be conferred by them. On the presentation of the applicant, the point was made by Companion RUSSELL, P. G. Secretary, that as a mere formality, no objection existing to the candidate, either as a man or Mason, it was necessary that Augusta Chapter should spread the ballot. The High Priest and members objected, and applied to me for instruction. As the applicant was favorably known to the Augusta Companions, and the evidence of his election indubitable, I directed the High Priest to proceed without spreading the ballot.

Since the degrees were to be conferred by Augusta Chapter, as a matter of courtesy to her South Carolina sister, and the newly made Companion would be, on receiving his degrees, a member of the latter, we fail to see what there was to consider in Augusta Chapter, beyond the question of his regular election and their willingness to perform the act of courtesy.

Will Companion Kellogg please inform us what the favorable knowledge of the applicant by the Augusta Companion had to do with the matter?

We confess surprise—not to use a stronger expression—at the following from the report of the Grand Treasurer :

Taking the last Grand Convocation as an average, it will be seen that the receipts cannot pay the expenses of the Grand Convocations. With this statement, it is needless to more than remind you that it is utterly impossible to pay the scrip already issued to members of this Grand Body, and I recommend that the same be canceled at this Grand Convocation, either by voluntary surrender or action of the Grand Chapter, but the latter course would be preferable, as it is known that some scrip did fall into the hands of Subordinate Chapters and may be offered by them as money, hence the record would be better to show it “canceled.”

This is the first time we ever heard *repudiation* even hinted at in a Masonic body. We fear Companion Pollard does not entertain the lofty sentiments enunciated by Companion Kellogg. The Committee on Finance to whom the report was referred does not appear to have made any report, but Companion Harris seems to have found “a more excellent way,” it being on his motion

Resolved, That, in order to relieve the Grand Chapter of its indebtedness, every Subordinate Chapter within this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to the specified dues, one dollar for every member belonging thereto, for the next Masonic year.

Had such a resolution been passed a couple of years ago, the “scrip” would probably have never trouble anybody.

From the adoption of the following it will be seen that issuing scrip is not the only novelty in Georgia.

Whereas, The question has been raised as to whether a member objected to a brother's advancement, after he has been balloted for and found worthy, to his receiving the Degrees ; be it

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Chapter, that the member objecting shall give the reason for his objection, which shall be passed upon by the Chapter, and if upon a vote being taken in the body, only one vote is found to sustain the objection, the degree or degrees shall be conferred.

In Connecticut, and nearly everywhere else, it is held to be the prerogative of every member of a Lodge or Chapter "To cast his ballot for or against all candidates for admission, *advancement or affiliation without assigning any reason therefor*: that a ballot must be spread upon the application for advancement, if requested by a member at any time before he is obligated, and that a unanimous vote is necessary for such advancement: and further that 'No discussion as to the internal qualifications of a candidate can be permitted.'" We believe this to be the ancient law and the best possible practice; and that our Georgia Companions will find, as a result of their action above given, the peace and harmony of more than one of their Chapters very seriously disturbed by the time of their next annual convocation.

We fail to see the "Masonic Equity" (as they call it in Washington,) of requiring chapters to pay dues to the Grand Chapter for members from whom they find it impossible to collect dues. But then, as for the past twenty years, we have seen through glass, we may see darkly.

We also believe the following to be in opposition to the generally accepted rule of Masonic law.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter, that when the members of a Subordinate Chapter petition for a new Chapter, and the Chapter is granted and their names are incorporated therein, that their membership in the former Chapter ceases with the organization of the new, and they are no longer liable to the former Chapter, except for past dues.

The law, as we understand it, is, that while membership is *suspended* by being one of the petitioners to whom a dispensation for a new Chapter is granted, it only *ceases* on obtaining a dimit; except, of course, in cases of discipline, upon the expiration or revocation of a dispensation the former status of all the petitioners is restored; and if a warrant is granted, those petitioners who desire membership in the new Chapter must obtain dimits from the respective Chapters to which they belonged before they can become members of the new organization.

No report on correspondence was presented, as that commit-

tee has been abolished. We regret this, as we have heretofore read with much pleasure and profit, the vigorous reviews of Companion Blackshear. We hope he will be put in harness again this year.

M.: E.: Companion George W. Adams, of Forsyth, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion J. Emmett Blackshear, of Macon, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The eighth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, was convened in Masonic Hall, in the city of Fort Scott, on Monday, October, 14th, 1872. M.: E.: E. D. Hillyer, Grand High Priest presiding, and fourteen Chapters being represented.

From the admirable address of the Grand High Priest, we make the following selections. We should be glad to quote much more, did not the limits of our space forbid.

Whatever of earnestness and untiring perseverance, selfishness exerts in the execution of its sordid pursuits, should be surpassed by the Royal Arch Mason in the interests of the Order. Whatever of wisdom and far-seeing intelligence the gifted of our race give to their professional duties, we owe to the Order of Masonry which we represent, to the full extent of our mental abilities.

Selfishness is the besetting sin of humanity, and Masonry is its antidote; and without intending to decry the undoubted merits of the many institutions claiming to instruct and benefit mankind, I think I may confidently claim for Masonry, in its several degrees, the credit and honor of having done more to make man wise and good, and consequently happy, than all other institutions ever organized.

It is then, the welfare and happiness of humanity, concerning which we consult when we convene in General Grand Chapter, because Masonic prosperity, and human progress and moral improvement are inseparable. Masonry is the secular church of the world; her dogmas are comprehensible to all; and we are her missionaries, commissioned to teach through the eloquence of virtuous conduct.

It is not through strength of numbers, or even by intellectual ability, that the Order can hope to accomplish its high mission. To these must be joined a determination to act justly, and a spirit of fraternal benevolence embracing the brotherhood of man.

Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition ; the growth of the Order during the past year has been such as to create the conviction that worth and personal character have been more regarded than mere numerical strength ; and in this vigilant watchfulness of the portals of the Tabernacle lies the safety and hope of the Order. Indeed, it cannot be too earnestly impressed upon the Subordinate Chapters, that with only a few good, wise, and zealous Companions, a Chapter can, and will elevate and purify the moral atmosphere of society, encourage the weak and restrain the vicious ; while with a numerous membership of doubtful character, their best efforts will be unsuccessful. A Royal Arch Mason, to be true to his obligations and useful to the Order, must be not only wholly blameless, but he must be conspicuous for the practice of those virtues which the good revere and even the depraved respect.

Such sentiments cannot be too frequently expressed, nor too forcibly inculcated ; for it is a sad fact, that in far too many instances, they are entirely overlooked in an undue zeal for the forms and ceremonies through which they are designed to be impressed upon the craft. In such case Masonry becomes an empty shell—a mere outward show. •

The following standing regulation was adopted, as reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That hereafter no Dispensation for the formation of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, unless the petitioners therefor shall be members of some subordinate Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, or some subordinate Chapter whose Grand Chapter is in correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and the persons noninated therein to be M.: E.: High Priest, E.: King and Scribe, shall be members of some subordinate Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Also, the following on the “substitute” question :

Resolved, That the indiscriminate use of substitutes, by Chapters in this jurisdiction is hereby prohibited ; but whenever it shall appear to be necessary for the interest of the Royal Craft that one or more substitutes be used in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, the Chapter shall, through its Secretary and under seal of the Chapter, make a statement of all the facts in the case to the Grand High Priest, when, if in his judgment, the reasons are sufficient, he shall issue his dispensation for the use of one or more substitutes in that particular case.

The committee on Chartered Chapters report a number of violations by subordinate Chapters of the following very wise standing regulation :

That a petition for the Capitular Degrees must lay (*sic*) over at least one Regular Convocation, and that not more than two Degrees be conferred upon the same candidate at one and the same Convocation, and no further Degrees shall be conferred on the same candidate until the next regular Convocation thereof.

The mild manner in which they enforce obedience to law in Kansas is instructive.

Your Committee would therefore, in the matter of the aforesaid irregularities, earnestly suggest to those Chapters the importance of a strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

“Earnestly suggest” is excellent.

But what is most refreshing in all the published proceedings, is the charmingly original and sentimentally poetical, “following,” (as it is termed by Companion Carr—at loss for a suitably excruciating appellation,) which accompanied the commission of the writer as Representative from the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

Most Excellent, and you, Associates of the Royal Art :

“I come the Representative accredited from Mississippi. The Sunny South sends greeting to the plains of Kansas, with confidence that their fraternal grip will be responded to, with hearts as ardent in the cause as those that stood beside the council at Jerusalem, and aided in restoring to the world her second Temple.

“Accept congratulations for your progress in a land from whence a few years since the huntsman’s tales of wonder came to us from mystic regions of an unknown wild.”

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. R. REES.

The quotation marks are all his own.

But why does Companion Rees seek to hide his poetic candle under a prosaic bushel. Why not write it thusly.

Most Excellent, and you, Associates of the Royal Art :
I come the Representative accredited from Mississippi.
The Sunny South sends greeting to the plains of Kansas,
With confidence that their (*sic.*) fraternal grip
Will be responded to with hearts as ardent
In the cause, as those
That stood beside the counsel at Jerusalem,
And aided in restoring to the world her second Temple.
Accept congratulations for your progress
In a land from whence a few years since,
The huntsman's tales of wonder came to us,
From mystic regions of an unknown wild. Selah.

Verily a new poetic star is *Reesing* in the West. Look to your laurels O Walt. Whitman !

By the way, here in the East R. R. R. stands for Radway's Ready Relief.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R.: E.: Companion E. T. Carr, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, besides those of the General Grand Chapter.

He quotes M.: E.: Companion Stearns' remarks on the General Grand Chapter, and refers briefly to Companion Lockwood's report on correspondence. He says :

We cannot agree with you in your assertion, Companion Lockwood,
" That a special dispensation is generally as much of a luxury to the applicant as a misfortune to the Craft, and should be paid for as such."

We hold that it is a misfortune to the applicant to be under the necessity of asking for a special dispensation, and that it is uncharitable in a Chapter to charge five dollars, or any other amount, for granting it. At five dollars each they would in truth be a luxury to the Craft. It is not Masonic to enrich ourselves through the misfortunes of others.

The trouble with Companion Carr's position is that he *assumes* a premise which we in Connecticut are not disposed to grant, that it is a *misfortune* which causes the asking for a dispensation. In our opinion it is either carelessness or impatient curiosity which prompts the request, in nineteen cases out of twenty; and it is a mere matter of humanity to the Grand High Priest, that there should be some limit to unnecessary demands upon his time and patience.

We must compliment our Kansas Companions upon the

elegant manner in which their proceeding are printed. We always had a weakness for "Old Style" and tinted paper.

M.: E.: Companion E. D. Hillyer, of Grasshopper Falls, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. Companion Carr was also reappointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky commenced its fifty-fourth annual "communication" at the Masonic Temple in the city of Louisville, on Monday, October 21st, 1872. M.: E.: J. P. Roscoe presiding. Ninety-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest says in opening his address that they have assembled "to discharge the duties, *confided to us by our respective subordinate Chapters,*" &c. (The italics are ours.) We modestly ask if the boot is not on the other leg?

While we do not desire to be censorious, we cannot longer restrain the remark, that in looking over the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters which have been submitted, it has forcibly occurred to us, what a busy set of men Grand Officers, as a rule are. "Private duties and engagements" so universally prevent them from a proper discharge of the duties of their offices. It is true they always express their regret that such has been the case. But we cannot help asking if it wouldn't be better for the Craft if they would find this out before they got into positions of real importance (as we did once) and allow their Companions to elect others who were not so much engrossed by other matters. Companion Roscoe stands by no means alone; we have had such in Connecticut.

But he is certainly a model for Companion Carr of Kansas, he says:

I have received several applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time. I refused permission to all the applicants, from the fact I could see no emergency in the cases presented.

And we must all love him for the tenderness of heart manifested in his allusions to Companions who have passed "from the outer to the inner veil."

Either Companion Henderson or the Grand Secretary seem to have got a little mixed, for we find two references in the minutes to reports on correspondence being made by the former, and in each case is added "see appendix." On seeing appendix however we only find one report. Perhaps appendix sees double in the Bourbon State. On turning the leaf however we are disposed to take it all back, for there we find a third report by the same Companion, from the same committee. This is so much to the point that we are sure there is nothing the matter with Companion Henderson's vision; McCorkle must be the man.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in overlooking the proceedings of sister jurisdictions, find a general regret expressed that Kentucky still declines to unite with them in the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We see no reason why we should continue in our isolated condition. By union with the General Grand Chapter, we will put ourselves in a more positive sympathy with our companions of other States, secure, in the end, perfect uniformity of work throughout the country, and strengthen the social and civil bonds that should unite companions of the Royal Craft. Our correspondence would then partake of a family character, and prove more satisfactory than formal courtesies extended to mere strangers. We believe the arrangement would enable us to give and receive benefits, and we would certainly be relieved from the charge that we are insulating ourselves from the great family of capitular Masonry in one common country. We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Kentucky resume its relation to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe be instructed to attend the next annual session, with credentials furnished under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and instructions to consummate our union with that body.

H. A. M. HENDERSON

JAMES W. STATON.

JAMES A. BEATTIE.

We sincerely hope that the resolution will be adopted by the next annual "Communication," to which its consideration was laid over.

An ineffectual attempt was made to provide for the appoint-
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ment of District Deputy Grand High Priest. We have always considered the creation of the office of District Deputy an innovation on ancient land-marks, and are glad that our Kentucky Companions have decided to do without it. Yet we confess our inability to say exactly how to meet the want which calls the office into requisition. The subject was referred to us at the last annual convocation of Connecticut, but we have not as yet been able to see through it.

The report on Correspondence, as we have before stated, is by H. A. M. Henderson. We wish we had so plausible an excuse for the shortcomings of our own report, as the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, (that is, provided it is a paying office,) and the Editorship of a newspaper. But we wouldn't claim indulgence on that score, if we had. We would keep that part of the story to ourselves—pay and all—write the best report we knew, and either crave no indulgence at all, or enter the plea on the score of youth and inexperience.

We don't know, after all, but it was Henderson who was mixed. He says:

"We have had placed before us the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters as follows:"

and then gives the names of twenty-seven.

He also reviews the General Grand Chapter. He says—adopting the language of M.: E.: General Grand High Priest Drummond in his report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Maine in the previous May:—

The body comprised an amount of ability and Masonic knowledge rarely met with in an assembly of any character. There were Pike, English and Barber of Arkansas, Lockwood of Connecticut, Mackey of District of Columbia, Hacker and Hazelrigg of Indiana, Parvin of Iowa, Fellows of Louisiana, Collins of Missouri, Corson of New Jersey, Barnum, Austin and Simons, of New York, Burns of South Carolina, and many others who have a national reputation.

And concludes his *resume* of the business transacted with these sensible remarks, also taken from Companion Drummond's report.

The hospitality of Baltimore was magnificent: and yet better attention was given to business, than was done at St. Louis. We trust, however, that the occasion of these Triennial meetings will not be taken again for a grand assemblage of the craft. It was almost impossible at Baltimore to prevent an adjournment to visit Washington, in addition to giving one day to a grand parade. We hope this matter will be taken up and discussed, until by common consent these meetings shall be held for business, as the primary object, and not for mere pleasure.

We say with full conviction, that there are already far too many within the Masonic Temple, who care for little else than the parade and show, and the good cheer. And unless these men are kept back and taught better, Freemasonry is sure sooner or later to suffer from their association. These "Grand assemblages of the craft" in public, give such men grand opportunities to show off; but we have always thought them utterly at variance with the true spirit of the Order.

We are sorry the proceedings of our Grand Chapter did not reach Companion Henderson, and we certainly cannot dispute his aphorism; "we cannot answer a letter we have not received" the wisdom of which remark is worthy of the Greek Scholastikos.

M.: E.: Companion William Ryan, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion John M. S. McCorkle, re-elected Grand Secretary—both of Louisville. Rev. Companion H. A. M. Henderson, retains the chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana was convened in its Twenty-sixth annual Convocation at the Grand Lodge Hall in the city of New Orleans, on the 11th day of February, 1873, M.: E.: Michael Eloï Girard, Grand High Priest, presiding. Fifteen Chapters were represented.

A very considerable portion of the able address of the Grand High Priest is devoted to the subject of Committees of Investigation on Applications of Candidates. He says:

It is universally admitted that the secrecy of the ballot is the safest bulwark of the Masonic Order; that it is the inherent right and the duty of every Mason to exercise his privilege of the ballot whenever an opinion should be expressed by that mode, and he cannot and should not directly or indirectly be questioned about it. Yet I believe that one of our general regulations contains a provision which sometimes militates against those vital principles, in requiring the members of Committees of Investigation on applications for Initiation or Affiliation, to make a written report of the result of their investigation.

To illustrate this, let us suppose that one of the members of the committee report unfavorably on the application referred to his committee and a black-ball is cast; the natural and irresistible inference is that he cast it, and the secrecy of that ballot is destroyed; the friends of the applicant cannot but suspect him as the one who put in that black-ball, hence may arise much bad feeling. This indeed has happened.

Suppose again that, at some future time, the applicant who had been rejected and upon whose application one of the committee had reported unfavorably, should renew his application and be this time accepted; he in due time, becomes a member; he enquires about his first application, and seeing the written report of the committee, finds the unfavorable report of one of them, and he cannot help suspecting very strongly that member of having black-balled him. This must give him cause to feel aggrieved. Is this not wrong and in direct violation not only of the secrecy of the ballot, but of all Masonic doctrines and teachings which direct us to avoid all that may tend to produce discord or want of harmony?

Formerly, there were no Committees of Investigation, or rather the whole body was constituted the Committee of Investigation; each member was charged with the duty of making due enquiry as to the moral character and qualifications of the candidate, in order that each should vote understandingly upon the application, and no written or verbal report was required or looked for. I think it were better to return to that mode of action, which ensures an absolute certainty of preserving the secrecy of the ballot. * * * * *

By abolishing the special committee, specially the written report, and referring the matter to all the members, I feel confident that there would be at least *three* out of the whole number of the members who would attend cheerfully to the duty; the work would be fully as well if not better done than it is now; we would be sure that we do not break down, or at least impair one of our most efficient rules of action in the protection of the Chapter and Craft against the introduction of unworthy material; and also effectually protect the member in his inherent right of not being questioned directly or indirectly about the ballot he may have cast, by avoiding all possibility of its being known, or even suspected, how any one may have voted on an application.

While we see a good deal of force in the point taken by Companion Girard, we cannot agree with his recommendation to abolish the committee. What is every body's business is generally nobody's business, and we imagine there would be very little *investigation* without the committee. We fear the remedy would prove worse than the disease. He, however, suggests the following mode of procedure, as in use in some jurisdictions, which is worth serious consideration.

However, if you should be of opinion that the work is better done by a small committee, then I would suggest that you make a change in the appointment of the committee, and the mode of making their report. The names of the committee should not be announced publicly by the High Priest; but having been selected by him, each member thereof might be notified (by the H. P. or Secretary,) privately of his appointment, without his being informed even who the others are: each would report to the High Priest alone, and he would make known to the Chapter the facts reported and the result of the investigation of the committee; thus, if any one of the committee should make an unfavorable report, and a black-ball was cast which might be imputed to him, none but the High Priest could entertain any suspicion as to who might have voted it.

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I think this mode has a decided advantage from more guarded secrecy, in making the committee more free and independent in expressing the exact result of their investigations without fear or probability of producing any bad feeling, or directing the wounded sensibilities of any of the friends of rejected candidates to any particular member of the Chapter.

On the subject of affiliation he thus very justly remarks.

There is a practice prevailing in some Chapters which I think should be discontinued and prohibited: I mean the requiring an affiliation fee to be paid. I never could understand why a Mason should be subjected to such an exaction. Take for instance a case like this: a Companion finds it necessary to change his residence with a view of bettering his fortunes, on account of his health perhaps or for any other reason, and removes far from his Chapter: still he is desirous to participate in the active labors of Royal Arch Masonry; to do so he applies for and obtains a dimit from his Chapter with a view of joining the membership of the Chapter at his new home: but, before he can be received into fellowship with the Companions of his new home as a member of the Chapter, he must pay a tax of so many dollars! I cannot see any Masonic spirit in such a regulation.

Several Grand Chapters already have abolished it, and I think it ought to be prohibited in every jurisdiction.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the new Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized and extended fraternal greetings.

We are glad to see that our 'Louisiana Companions believe that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and is attested by the following. We would like to see something of this sort in Connecticut, as we think it would go far towards solving the problem just now under consideration—how shall we meet the deficiency which exists in our system of visitation and inspection.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for services rendered as Grand Lecturer by R. E. Companion John C. Gordy.

And this notwithstanding, only eleven Chapters appear to have been visited by him during the year.

In this connection we would like to ask Companion Gordy what constitutes "*a quorum*" in Louisiana?

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.: E.: Companion Horner, then Deputy and now Grand High Priest.

He reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, Connecticut being briefly included. He is particularly pleased with M.: E.: Companion Stearns' remarks concerning the General Grand Chapter, and sees in them

Another indication to our minds of the immense strength added to the national grand body by the adoption of an amendment making Past Grand High Priests permanent members, and by the election of its present efficient officers.

Of Companion Lockwood, as Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he says,

We regret to find that he retires from his post of honor, and hope that he may be hereafter induced by increasing worldly prosperity, to again assume its difficult burthen.

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He thinks that the admitting of Past Grand High Priests to membership in the General Grand Chapter was a great mistake for *many* reasons, and lays stress upon the *great mistake*. It is a matter of regret to us, and doubtless will be to the whole corps correspondential, that he gives none of the many reasons. As will have been seen already, we think it is one of the wisest measures that the General Grand Chapter ever adopted, and for the life of us cannot conceive of any cause which would make it a "*great mistake*."

As Companion Horner does *not* retire from his post of honor, perhaps he will oblige us with *his* reasons.

M.: E.: Companion Joseph P. Horner, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion James C. Batchelor, was re-elected Grand Secretary—both of New Orleans. Companion Horner, also retains the Reportorial quill in compliance with the unanimous request of the Grand Chapter.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine was convened at Masonic Hall in the city of Portland, on Tuesday, May 7th, 1872, by M.: E.: Stephen J. Young, Grand High Priest. Representatives from thirty-five Chapters were present, besides eleven permanent members. Among the latter we noticed the proxy for a Past Grand King, which is something new to us, as we had always supposed permanent membership to be a *personal* right, requiring individual presence for the enjoyment of its privileges. It seems to us that any Companion who could not make it convenient to be present at a convocation of his Chapter, might, with equal propriety, be represented at such convocations by some other Companion, or even by a non-affiliate or the member of some other Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and business like, and confined almost exclusively to matters of local import.

He reports the following decision:

An officer is legally elected and presents himself for installation, when a Companion objects to his installation, on account of his bad moral character. Can he be installed?

Ans. He cannot be installed until the charges are investigated and refuted. The objection of one Companion, if found valid, is sufficient to prevent the installation of any officer of a Chapter.

Which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and elicited the following report:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decision of the Grand High Priest in relation to objections to the installation of an officer, ask leave to report, that the same is undoubtedly correct, and should be approved.

As the question is a new one in this jurisdiction, the committee deem it proper to make a more detailed statement of the law bearing upon it.

When objections are made by a member of a Chapter to the installation of an officer, elect or appointed in such Chapter, the installing officer should at once require the reasons for such objection. If the reasons are not given, or are deemed by him insufficient if sustained, he should proceed with the installation. If the reasons given are deemed sufficient, the installing officer should fix a time and place for a hearing and notify the parties and hear them. If, upon such hearing, the objections are sustained in his opinion, he should so notify the parties, forbidding the installation, and a new election should be ordered. This ends the matter, unless an appeal is taken. If the installing officer is not the Grand High Priest, either party may appeal to him, and his decision is final.

If the Grand High Priest investigates the matter and sustains the objections, whether originally or on appeal, his order in the premises should be entered on record in the Chapter, and that vacates the election, and it is no longer of any more force than if it had never taken place, and his decision is final, and from it there is no appeal. If the objections are not sustained by him, the officer should of course be installed.

The fact that the report was made by M.: E.: Companion G.: G.: H.: P.: Drummond, certainly gives great additional weight to the views expressed. It is with great diffidence, therefore, that we venture upon criticism, and will only say that this seems to us a novel way of inaugurating a Masonic trial. If any Companion knows of a Masonic offense committed by another, is it not his duty forthwith to prefer charges in the regular way, that the matter may be sifted, and the purity of our Order maintained. Certainly no Companion

under charges could be elected or appointed to office, nor would be installed, were the charges preferred between election or appointment and installation. We, moreover, modestly suggest that the installing officer is not always an officer of the Grand Chapter or even a member of the Chapter in which he is at the time officiating. How then could he legally exercise the delicate and important authority which Companion Drummond's report presupposes in him?

We are sorry to charge our Maine Companions with penuriousness, but who ever heard of four men travelling from Portland to Baltimore, living there four or five days and returning at a gross expense of seventy-five dollars? They must have lived on bread and molasses or were not reimbursed one half. However we see the resolution does not pretend to *pay*, but only appropriates the sum named *towards* the expenses of the Grand Representatives.

By amendment to the Constitution, District Deputy Grand High Priests were made members of the Grand Chapter.

The very able report on Foreign Correspondence, is by M.: E.: Companion Drummond. We regret that it is to be his last; but were it not impertinent in a novice, would welcome his successor to the corps.

He reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, besides those of the General Grand Chapter, which did him and itself honor, in elevating him to the Grand Head of Capitular Masonry. He approves most heartily the amendment to the Constitution making Past Grand High Priests permanent members, and says,

The adoption of this amendment was a death blow to the proposition to dissolve the body, as it now has a permanent membership which will support and maintain it. Thirty Past Grand High Priests reported at once, and their names were entered on the roll.

[For the balance of the paragraph, see our review of the report of the Kentucky Committee on Correspondence.]

Referring to the action taken concerning the use of substitutes in the R.: A.: Degree, he says,

We do not deny that the use of substitutes is sustained by the practice of a hundred years; but we feel sure that the ritual and Installation charges, to which the committee refer, are not the ones in use in Maine: for it is useless to say that the language of *our* ritual permits the use of substitutes, and we cannot decide that language *does not mean* what it plainly *does mean*. The action of the General Grand Chapter is *permissive* and not *mandatory*, and if any Grand Chapter forbids the use of substitutes, its subordinates are bound to obey it.

[For the concluding paragraph of his remarks on the General Grand Chapter, and our endorsement thereof, we have to refer once more to Kentucky. We beg Companion Drummond's pardon for thus transposing his good words, and can only urge our dread of being tedious by repetition—we will doubtless be voted sufficiently tedious without—for not inserting them here. We reviewed Kentucky before Maine and cut them out at that time. Not until we subsequently came to Companion Drummond's report, did we observe that we had been using his language without giving the proper credit. It was not too late, however, to insert suitable acknowledgments in the Kentucky proof, which we did. Does our M.: E.: Companion accept our apology?]

Companion Drummond confines his review of the proceedings of Connecticut, to Companion Lockwood's report on correspondence, and speaks of him as "a worthy successor of the venerable William Storer."

In reference to Companion Lockwood's arguments on the subject of objections to advancement, he says,

We withdraw "the whim," and acknowledge the justice of the criticism. But he speaks as if it was the practice to have a ballot for each degree: but such is not the case in Maine, and a Mark Master *does* have more rights in relation to the Past Master's degree than the profane. We prefer the rule since adopted in Maine, that objections to advancement must be submitted to the Chapter and their sufficiency determined by it. Of course, if a ballot for each degree is required in any jurisdiction, his rule is correct.

We *might* admit for the sake of the argument, that a Mark Master has more rights in relation to the Past Master's degree than the *profane*, but fail to see wherein he has more rights to that degree than has any Master Mason. We have already had occasion to refer to this subject in this report, and will only add a repetition of our previous remark, that we believe the almost universal interpretation of the law to be that "a ballot must be spread upon the application of a candidate for advancement, if requested by a member of the Lodge or Chapter, and a unanimous vote is necessary for such advancement."

Referring to Companion Lockwood's comments on the question whether an appeal *per se* stays the sentence of a Chapter, Companion Drummond says,

But where does the Grand High Priest obtain his authority "to grant a stay" in any case? It seems to us, that our rule in Maine is the best one; a sentence of expulsion or indefinite suspension operates by virtue of Constitutional provisions, as a suspension till final action: in all other cases, the appeal vacates the judgment appealed from, and no punishment can be inflicted till judgment of the appellate body.

We answer his question that the Grand High Priest's authority to grant a stay of proceedings in any case, is inherent to his prerogative "to exercise, temporally, all the power of the Grand Chapter during the interim between the sessions of the Grand Chapter;" just as he has authority *ad interim* to arrest Charters of Chapters and to suspend the functions of High Priests.

M.: E.: John W. Ballou, of Bath, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Ira Berry, of Portland, was re-elected Grand Secretary, M.: E.: Stephen J. Young, of Brunswick, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MARYLAND.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, was convened in the City of Baltimore, on the 11th day of No-

vember, 1872; M. E. George L. McCahan, Grand High Priest. Twelve Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an able document and contains much that is of general interest. From the decisions reported, we give the following:

A Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and a *bona fide* resident of the place where a Chapter is proposed to be located, may be one of the petitioners for a dispensation, and be a member of a Chapter not under this Jurisdiction.

A Chapter must not be closed for the purpose of working in subordinate Degrees, but called off—afterwards resume labor and close.

Where a Chapter adds formal expulsion to expulsion by a Lodge, and the Lodge reinstates, a regular petition and ballot is required to reinstate in the Chapter.

Chapters U. D. pay exaltation and Member's Fees to the Grand Chapter for all Companions exalted therein.

It has recently come to my knowledge that a Chapter donated two Companions, after exaltation, ten dollars each, the implied purpose being to reduce the fee to twenty dollars; an evasion of this character is equivalent to a violation of the Constitution.

Companion McCahan, gives a very interesting history of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, which we should like to copy, did not other portions of the address, which we deem of more importance to Companions in Connecticut, claim all the space we can afford.

Doubtless some Companions will be surprised to learn that several Grand Chapters, claim or have claimed jurisdiction over the degrees called Cryptic. The subject is discussed at length by Companion McCahan, and is so interesting that we give his remarks entire.

This Grand Chapter became a member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States in the year 1816, under the express agreement that it should not be forced to alter its mode of working—the Council Degrees being then as now conferred prior to the Royal Arch.

Companion Philip P. Eckel claimed the control of the Select Degree, and considered it of such importance that this Grand Chapter was induced to recognize it in the Constitution revised in 1824, wherein it was placed in order immediately before the Royal Arch, and so remained, until the Constitution was revised in 1856 to conform to an amendment then recently made to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, in which

the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch only were recognized. No prohibition however as to any Grand Chapter—in whose jurisdiction no Grand Council existed—exercising control over the Degrees was promulgated, and consequently no occasion occurred requiring this Grand Chapter to assert its rights in the premises, further than by continuing its recognition of the right of its subordinates to confer said degrees according to usage in this jurisdiction.

Maryland occupies indirectly, a prominent part in the interest attracted to these degrees and their early dissemination throughout a large portion of the country, from the fact that Companion Jeremy L. Cross, who had been appointed Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter, visited Baltimore in 1816, and received from Companions Eckel and Niles the Degree of Select Master, with authority to confer it, without charge, upon Royal Arch Masons. Companion Cross violated the confidence reposed in him, by charging a fee for conferring the degree, as well as establishing Councils "independent of Royal Arch Masonry" which had never been contemplated by Companions Eckel and Niles, and which action was pronounced by this Grand Chapter, in 1827, as "a great mistake or actual abuse of any authority delegated, or meant to be delegated in relation to the Select Degree." On the other hand Companion Cross set up the claim that he "received from Companions Eckel and Niles a warrant to confer the Royal and Select Master's Degrees they being explanatory of the Royal Arch, and to establish Councils in all places where there was a Royal Arch Chapter, if they so desired," under cover of which he established, between the autumn of 1816 and the summer of 1819, thirty-three Councils throughout the States of Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. The greater number of these Councils subsequently joined in the formation of Grand Councils in the several States named, whilst Grand Councils in the other States have been formed mostly by Subordinates chartered either by the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Rite, to which it is conceded these degrees originally belonged as "side degrees," or by Grand Councils established by authority derived from that source.

Maryland has ever maintained that the Council degrees should be under the control of the Chapters, and be conferred before the Royal Arch, but we find at the present time but three other Grand Chapters who think alike with us; the remainder have all regularly organized Grand Councils which exercise jurisdiction over them, and under whose fostering care their usefulness and value are undoubtedly greatly enhanced.

In order then to aid in the perfection of the "American System," and to place ourselves in unison with the great majority of Grand Jurisdictions in our Country, I urge upon the Grand Chapter to forbid her subordinates conferring these degrees.

The concluding suggestion was adopted by the Grand Chapter, and subordinates were prohibited from conferring any other degrees than the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters, and the Royal Arch.

The new Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized and extended "a cordial and fraternal welcome."

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's address thus refer to two matters spoken of therein; first,

The M. E. Grand High Priest alludes to the fact of a Companion from an outside jurisdiction visiting some of the city Chapters, who was a minor, and was exalted by dispensation. Your committee do not notice this subject, because this Grand Chapter has power over such occurrences, but make it the occasion of pronouncing the fact, that they do not believe that any man or body of men "has the right," to make innovations in the body of Masonry by dispensation or otherwise, and if they occupied the High Priest's chair, would not admit, as a visitor, any one thus dispensed with.

We agree as to the right—or rather *want* of right—but why refuse admission to the Companion? Having been regularly exalted in a regular Chapter he is a regular Royal Craftsman, and certainly cannot be expected to know beforehand that the dispensing power does wrong in shortening his nonage. Keep out the Grand High Priest who violates the land-mark, Companions, and those who violate their conscience by being present during the ceremonies, but surely don't blame the innocent novice.

Again, in reference to Past Masters (by virtue of having received that degree in course in the Chapter) sitting in Lodges convened for the purpose of conferring the degree on the Master elect of a Symbolic Lodge, the Committee says:

As to "Past Masters who are such only by receiving the degrees as preparatory to the Royal Arch," they are *nominal* Past Masters only, not *actual*, and as such have no rights among *actual* Past Masters and no business there.

True enough; and as "an honest confession is good for the

soul," we own up to the opinion that the Past Master's degree has no business in the Chapter at all, but should be conferred *only* on actual Masters of Lodges elect. Had we not been kept away from Baltimore by sickness, we should have recorded our vote with the fourteen.

R.: E.: Companion Herman L. Emmons, Jr., presents the report on Correspondence. He reviews the reports of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, Connecticut included. He quotes largely from M.: E.: Companion Stearns' address, and Companion Lockwood's review. From the latter he quotes the entire criticism on M.: E.: Companion Pike's "lecture" on "*Divinity, Demonology and Geography*," italics and all, with the remark that it "is well worth careful perusal. He concludes,

We are sorry to part company with Companion Lockwood, whose annual reviews are able and spicy productions.

In behalf of Companion Lockwood we make our best bow.

M.: E.: Companion George L. McCahan was re-elected Grand High Priest; R.: E.: Companion William A. Wentz, Grand Secretary, and R.: E.: Companion Hermon L. Emmons, Jr., was reappointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts convened in annual convocation at the Masonic Temple in the city of Boston, on the 10th of December, 1872. M.: E.: Alfred F. Chapman, Grand High Priest; thirty-nine Chapters represented. Quarterly convocations were also had in the months of March, June and September, and the published proceedings contain the records of them all.

Very much of interest and importance is contained in these records, and it is with great difficulty that we have been able to confine our review to anything like reasonable limits.

At the convocation in March, the following report by a special committee on the subject, was considered and adopted. Although holding a similar commission ourselves, we are constrained to subscribe to the conclusion arrived at by our Massachusetts Companions, disapproving, as we do, Masonic novelties of all descriptions, and especially the multiplication of titles and offices.

1. It appears that the action of Masonic Grand Bodies in appointing Representatives near other Grand Bodies, is a novelty in Masonic usage, and of very modern origin.

2. That such action finds little favor from Grand Masonic Bodies generally. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has repeatedly declined to recognize such representation. The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has likewise refused to commit itself to the custom.

3. This Grand Chapter has now a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through which it is able to inform itself of transactions of moment accomplished in other jurisdictions; thus obviating any apparent necessity for Representatives near it from such jurisdictions. The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, together with the report of its Committee of Foreign Correspondence, are published, and copies are sent to all other Grand Chapters in this country; so that they are informed of what transpires in this jurisdiction that is of interest for the Craft to know.

4. It does not appear that the office of Representative is other than simply honorary, and in all respects nominal. Under present laws no power or privilege is or can be associated with such office. Therefore,—

5. With only the warmest feelings of respect and affection for Excellent Companion Chickering, and the most respectful and fraternal regard for Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, it is deemed inexpedient at this time to recognize representation.

We cannot help asking our Companions, in this connection, how they reconcile the appointment of "District Deputy Grand High Priests," at the same quarterly convocation, with the first paragraph of the above report.

Twenty-two pages of the proceedings at the September convocation, are covered by an exhaustive and intensely interesting examination into the origin and meaning of the G.: R.: A.: W.: by the accomplished Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the learned Grand Chaplain, and several distinguished linguistic professors of Harvard University. We regret

exceedingly the impracticability of transferring it, *in extenso*, to our columns. You will, however, be gratified to know that it fully sustains the position taken by your committee of last year, M.: E.: Past Grand High Priest Lockwood, and so tersely put in his comments upon the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United State, which have been very generally noticed and approved, and, by many of the reporters, copied entire.

The annual address of M.: E.: Companion Chapman is an elaborate, learned and instructive document, well worth the careful perusal of every Companion in the land.

He commences by reference to the "experiment" of District Deputies, and while seemingly approving, withholds the expression of positive opinion as to its wisdom and practicability. He fails, however, to consider the subject in the light of an innovation, or more properly excrescence, on the ancient construction of the Order.

In eloquent language he alluded to the disastrous conflagration which swept the business portion of the City of Boston in November last, and says, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth may ever find their proper work, and the glory and honor of the craft may be enhanced by the multitude of their generous labors."

Some fifteen pages of the address, cover an exceedingly interesting review of the early history of "What is known as the American System of Royal Arch Masonry," called forth by the remarks of Companion William Sewall Gardner, in an address delivered at the Centennial of St. Andrew's Chapter in 1868, wherein it was claimed "that Companion Thomas Smith Webb was the chief author of the Capitular Degrees as practiced in America; and that one or more of them he substantially created, while all were re-wrought so as to be unlike degrees of the same name elsewhere." With copious quotations from old records and a learned and logical argument—both of which exhibit careful and patient research and a thorough knowledge of Masonic history—Companion Chapman conclusively proves, that these degrees were known and worked in different parts of this country before the commencement of

Companion Webb's Masonic career. But he in no wise detracts from the deserved honor which attaches to the name of that distinguished Companion. He says :

No doubt, too, but Thomas Smith Webb found the Royal Arch Masons of his time uncertain in their phraseology, and the ritual crude for reasons altogether external to any intrinsic quality of its own. His papers which I have had the pleasure to examine, and his "Free Mason's Monitor" shows that he was a devoted servant and student of Capitular Masonry, and though he applied himself to the perfection of the ritual with the zeal of youth, it was also with the conviction that he should "present the work of his hands" for the inspection of age.

In the several editions of his Monitor, the first published in 1797, development is most manifest ; what the Brethren of St. Andrew's and Newburyport Chapters aimed to do prior to his masonic day, he also aimed to accomplish with the benefit of their knowledge. Starting from the point to which they had attained, he applied the law by which knowledge may be acquired, and worked in whatever field he properly could to find the fragments of a disjointed structure.

In this cause he worked, as his successors have also worked, in every grade and degree of Masonry, since he has rested from his labors until the present hour.

To charge him, therefore, with manufacturing a degree without any corner-stone or base on which to rear the structure, is an attempt to weaken respect for the memory of a deserving brother, as well as to subject the degree itself to the suspicion of an unworthy paternity.

But if a degree which strongly impresses the mind with a sense of the power and goodness of God, and teaches men to bow in adoration to him, is the work of Webb's hands, let it stand where he put it, to further instruct its recipients that "man in his best estate is subject to frailty and error," and lead him more fully to understand his dependence upon God, who alone must finally cover his faults and foibles with the broad mantle of his "Fatherly and brotherly love and charity."

And thus expresses his own lofty appreciation of the Royal Arch, and its sublime mission to mankind.

In preserving the tetragrammaton, the most essential landmark has been preserved ; for by this we are constantly reminded that "The Lord is our God," and that we should pay due reverence to his "Great and Holy Name ;" and though we pay due respect to all things else, "our duty to him should ever claim the priority of obedience to man."

Not by dumb signs and symbols alone, not by their preservation or elimination merely ; but by the knowledge of duty done, of conscience

heeded, of wrongs righted, and the practical living that each is his brother's keeper, shall the traditions of the Craft be best preserved, and the true principles of Masonry best exemplified. But does the Royal Arch Degree give no "pure teaching of a great dogma or idea?" Has it "no lofty aim?"

"He that humbleth himself shall surely be exalted;" and this is strongly impressed upon the mind of every candidate before he can pass even the outer courts of the sanctuary. No degree more zealously inculcates the weakness of man and the power of God, than does the "Royal Arch;" if it seeks for "dramatic effect," it is to more strongly enforce the hitherto unquestioned Christian dogma, that God is equally the God of the Jew and the Gentile; that he is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient; and that every "creature whom he has made is to him equally near and equally distant." Is it "weak and feeble?" No; because in its teaching it is especially strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Has it "no lofty aim?" Yes, it takes man by the hand, raises him in his humility, and gives him to know that by industry and fidelity, he may stand unimpeached in the presence of kings. Nay, more; it teaches him that through great trial and tribulation he may safely pass to the presence of Deity, and be as welcome there and as dear to his love as the most exalted.

Our youthful sister, of West Virginia, was unanimously fraternally recognized.

The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were installed at a special Convocation, on St. John's day, December 27th, by P.: G.: High Priest Henry Chickering.

The report on correspondence, by Rev. and R.: E.: Companion John W. Dadmun, is a fitting supplement, in point of interest and ability, to the able and interesting papers which we have already noticed.

In commencing his review of the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters he says:

In entering upon the task of perusing the pages of these volumes we feel a good deal like one sitting down to enjoy a feast, yes, a royal feast, where there are plentitude, variety, and elegance. There ought to be about forty guests present at this annual festival, but we are sorry to say it is not often that we see a full board, especially at the beginning of the feast. We have enough present, however, to make a beginning, and to

make things *lively*. Pillans, Lockwood, Hornor, Drummond, Corson, White, Patton and Mason, will keep us wide awake until the others come, so we will go at it with a will.

Connecticut received extended and complimentary notice. The remarks of M.: E.: Companion Stearns on the General Grand Chapter are quoted, as also are those of M.: E.: Companion Lockwood on the G.: O.: W.: discussion at Baltimore, of which he says:

We fully subscribe to this exposition, and would give further proof of the faith within us, but the Address of the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, which may be found in these Proceedings, supersedes the necessity of anything further on this subject at this time.

We will only add that we do not see how Companion Lockwood, holding the views above expressed, could recommend to his Grand Chapter the change in the G.: O.: or R.: A.: W.:.

In another place he expresses the opinion—referring to the resolution of conformity adopted on Companion Lockwood's motion, at our semi-annual Convocation in November, 1871—

We think time will prove that Connecticut, as well as other Grand Chapters, has been a little too fast in adopting the action of the General Grand Chapter on this important subject.

We have called our M.: E.: Companion's attention to these remarks of R.: E.: Companion Dadmun. His reply to us is the following concise and admirable statement of the whole matter:

"That decision merely declared what the G.: O.: W.: is. It did not decide that there was no G.: R.: A.: W.: or that the G.: R.: A.: W.: was the G.: O.: W.: It did not decide that the G.: R.: A.: W.: was "the Lord, the devil and a City of Egypt:" that was *said* on the *argument*. It did not decide to *omit* the G.: R.: A.: W.:, but, on the contrary, a proposition to amend the declaratory resolution, so as to eliminate the G.: R.: A.: W.: was *rejected*, even by M.: E.: Companion Pike. Now the work in Connecticut, and I presume elsewhere, used the

term O.: as modifying the G.: R.: A.: W.: or applicable to it. The declaratory resolution of the General Grand Chapter was complied with, and very properly, in Connecticut, by striking out the term O.:, wherever applied to the G.: R.: A.: W.:, and retaining it in connection with the G.: O.: W.: or G.: and S.: N.:, or L.: L.: M.: W.: This latter is not at all the G.: R.: A.: W.:, because the G.: R.: A.: W.: is that which is peculiar to the R.: A.:, and in no other way related to Masonry; while the G.: O.: W.: was *not* peculiar to the R.: A.:, but to the Master's Degree; and the R.: A.: W.: and the A.: itself were designed to *preserve* the G.: O.: W.:, or G.: and S.: N.:, or L.: L.: M.: W.:, the object and reward of our work and our labors. I trust the Craft will understand the distinction. I will further add that had the General Grand Chapter struck out (as many incorrectly supposed) the G.: R.: A.: W.:, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut would have obeyed the landmarks instead of the General Grand Chapter."

We hope that the above, from the pen of M.: E.: Companion Lockwood, will be satisfactory to our Massachusetts Companions, and clear up for many others the babel of confusion created by the hasty action and debate in the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected. They are M.: E.: Alfred F. Chapman and R.: E.: Z. H. Thomas, Jr., both of Boston. Rev. and R.: E.: Companion John W. Dadmun, of Winthrop, was reappointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-fourth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held at Masonic Hall in the city of Detroit, on Wednesday, January 1st, 1873. M.: E.: Leonard H. Randall, Grand High Priest presided, and eighty-two Chapters were represented.

From the brief address of the Grand High Priest, we quote the following :

I have also received quite a number of petitions for special dispensations to receive petitions and confer degrees out of the usual course, which, upon a careful examination and consideration, I have in each instance refused to grant, believing as I do that the frequent granting of such applications is not calculated to promote the good of the Craft, and ought to be done only in extreme cases. When a Mason has resided within the jurisdiction of a Chapter a number of years, and has had occasion to observe the workings of our institution, and has had no desire to become a member thereof until a time when he determines to change his residence or go abroad, and then makes his application, it carries with it a strong presumption that he is influenced by selfish and mercenary motives, instead of a desire to be serviceable to his fellow creatures, and of uniting in the grand design of being happy himself and communicating happiness to others. The Temple at Jerusalem was seven years in building; which ought to teach us this lesson: That we should not be hasty in the selection and preparation of material for our moral and Masonic edifice, remembering always that our strength does not consist in the number of Royal Arch Masons, or the rapidity with which we make them, so much as in the material we use.

This states the whole case in a few words; and is just the logic, which influenced the Grand Chapter of Connecticut to pass the resolution requiring a fee of five dollars to be paid for each dispensation granted, which so exercises the compassionate emotions of Companion Carr of Kansas.

We wish we had the gift to pen such words as the concluding paragraph:

We have just entered upon the threshold of a new year. It is a proper time for us to pause for reflection and retrospection. The old year has taken its place with the mighty past, and as we look back over its pathway, we see it strewn with the wrecks of blasted hopes and good resolves, and scattered along its path are dry and bitter leaves of sorrow, with here and there a green spot upon which our memories delight to linger, springing up in the midst of the hard and stern realities of life, like the well of water and cluster of date trees in the desert, to refresh the weary traveler with nourishment and shelter; a type of all the years of our lives that are past and all that remain for us. When we reflect how far short we have come of our best purposes, how often we have failed in our efforts to promote the happiness of others, how weary we are inclined to grow in well doing, let us lift our eyes to the emblems inscribed on our banners and endeavour to learn from them patience, strength, courage and wisdom to perform every duty enjoined upon us, and may we renew and strengthen our resolutions to press forward in the path of duty until we shall have passed the veils of mortality.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipt of a parcel of old and interesting documents, to be laid up in the archives; among them

A paper purporting to be a copy of the dispensation granted by De Witt Clinton, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., February 7, A. D. 1821, to Lewis Cass and others for a Chapter at Detroit, to be called Monroe Chapter.

The following resolution, which was adopted, enunciates sound principles and should be a regulation of every Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That, as every Royal Arch Mason must be a Master Mason in good standing of a Regular Lodge of Master Masons, therefore when a Royal Arch Mason shall be suspended or expelled by a lodge of Master Masons, he shall stand suspended or expelled from the Chapter of which he is a member, without charges, notice or trial, until he shall have been restored to membership of a regular Lodge of Master Masons.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, adopting "the one term principle" was indefinitely postponed.

Companions of Connecticut, read the following and learn one reason for the prosperity of the Royal Craft in Michigan. Truly "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

On motion it was—

Voted, That the Grand Sentinel be paid \$50.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be paid \$500 for his services.

Voted, That the Grand Lecturer be allowed for his salary \$500, to be paid quarterly.

Voted, That Monroe Chapter, No. 1, be paid \$75 for the use of their hall.

Go ye and do likewise.

R. E. Companion J. Eastman Johnson presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters, and adds supplementary notices of four others, received too late for extended criticism.

He quotes (as do very many of the reporters) M. E. Com-

panion Stearns' remarks concerning the General Grand Chapter, and refers briefly to some of the enactments of the Convocation.

He says Companion Lockwood repudiates the doctrine that charges must be preferred against an elected candidate, in order to prevent his advancement. Of course he does, and all other such new-fangled notions. We try to stick to the ancient in Connecticut.

M.: E.: Companion John W. Finch, of Adrian, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Companion J. Eastman Johnson, of Centerville, was re-elected Grand Secretary. The latter retains the chairmanship of the Committee on Correspondence.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-sixth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was convened in the city of St. Louis, on Thursday, October 10th, 1872. M.: E.: Joseph M. Fox, Grand High Priest, presided and fifty-one chapters were represented.

The annual address was brief and devoted chiefly to matters of local interest. It recommends compliance with the request of the General Grand Chapter for the one cent *per capita* appropriation, which recommendation the Grand Chapter subsequently endorsed.

The following remarks indicate most clearly the high degree of intelligence and zeal, which, we are happy to believe, prevails among our Missouri Companions.

When men are well informed and act intelligently on their information, the necessity for specific direction becomes reduced to a minimum. The absence, therefore, of official decisions in the records of the past two years, is a fact upon which I must congratulate the real friends of Capitular Masonry. It is the best evidence that can be adduced to show the zeal, industry and knowledge of the brethren, and to display the admirably harmonious working of the multifarious interests that attach themselves to our Order. And this is the more gratifying, as indicative of a high degree of information in the knowledge of Lodge work, Lodge laws and Symbolic Masonry generally. For so beautifully accurate and pro-

gressive are the blendings of the Lodge with the Chapter, that when the Master Mason thoroughly understands and appreciates his Lodge, he cannot fail to become an efficient and intelligent worker in his Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer on the other hand testifies to a just appreciation of the sublime truths which are typified by our forms and symbols. He says :

The levity and frivolity sometimes indulged in, in former years, is entirely banished in all our chapters, and proper solemnity and decorum duly observed in conferring our sublime degrees.

From the report of the committee on the address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of other Grand officers we take this :

Having had also under consideration the report of the R. E., the Deputy Grand High Priest, as acting Grand High Priest, your committee would state that in the case of the granting a dispensation to Springfield Chapter, No. 15, to confer the Chapter degrees on one Brother Wolf, a Master Mason, in less than the prescribed time, they cannot endorse his action therein, for the reason that *the Grand High Priest has no authority to grant dispensations for such a purpose*, excepting upon the occasion of the institution of a new Chapter, which is specified in Article 1, Section 16, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The italics are ours. On the coming in of the report, the following was adopted as a substitute for the above :

Under the circumstances we approve of the action of the Deputy Grand High Priest, acting as Grand High Priest, in granting dispensation to Springfield Chapter, No. 15, to confer the degrees in less than the usual time, as authorized by standing resolution No. 5, but we hereby declare that, as a rule, we do not approve the granting of such dispensations as therein set forth ; and recommend moreover, that there may be no further such construction of the law, that resolution No. 5 be repealed.

We have no present means of knowing precisely what the repealed resolution No. 5 was. But under the prerogative of the Grand High Priest to exercise all the powers of the Grand Chapter during the interim between its convocations, we are at a loss to understand the above legislation, Surely our Mis-

souri Companions will not question the authority of the *Grand Chapter* to shorten the probation of a candidate. But beyond this, we believe it has been the prerogative of the Grand Master, from time immemorial "to grant dispensations shortening the time in which any act is required to be done."

It seems that notwithstanding the exemption of the Grand High Priest from the necessity of rendering official decisions, his Deputy while acting in his absence, has been less favored, as appears from the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter concurs in the decision of the Deputy Grand High Priest that charges cannot be withdrawn after having been preferred, but must be proceeded with to trial, except in charges for non-payment of dues ; and in all trials, paper ballots must be used.

This resolution was adopted as a substitute for the report of the Committee, which was as follows :

We dissent from the decision that charges once preferred before a Chapter, against a Royal Arch Mason, cannot be withdrawn without going through a formal trial. In the opinion of your committee, charges may be withdrawn with the consent of the Chapter.

With all due respect we submit the opinion that the committee were right and the D.: G.: H.: P.: and the Grand Chapter wrong. Such a premium on litigation would be an excellent thing for our profession, in the outside business world, but seems to us rather a queer rule of the conduct for Companions and Brethren. No matter how gross may have been the mistake under which the charges were preferred, nor how fully it may have been explained, the charges "must be proceeded with to trial." Truly, under such ruling, the remark of the poet must sometimes be appropriate in Missouri. "*Parturiunt montes, nascitur ridiculus mus.*"

In this connection we must also ask for the reasons behind the decision that paper ballots must be used in all trials. Why shouldn't card board be allowed ? And if paper is insisted on, what is the proper color for the paper ? Seriously, we are of opinion that our Ancient Brethren always used black and white balls. But then, as we are aware of the ancient use

of paper balls among school boys, it may be, after all, that those Ancient Masons made their balls of paper. We must examine this important subject. As there were no grievances reported, it is fair to assume that this new mode of balloting has not yet had a fair trial.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized and greeted.

R.: E.: Companion George Frank Gouley presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, besides the G.: G.: C.:

He quotes largely from M.: E.: Companion Stearns' address, and Lockwood's report on Correspondence, giving the whole of the latter's remarks on the G.: O.: W.: discussion in the General Grand Chapter, and says:

Companion Lockwood can rest assured that the aim of Companion Pike was not to improve the Royal Arch Work by getting at the right O.: W.:; but we are perfectly satisfied that that text was used as a mere blind, behind which to assassinate the York Rite. This is no new subject to us, nor a pleasant one to refer to, but having gone to the bottom of Companion Pike's hostility to our Rite, we feel conscientious in making the above charge.

He joins in the protest against the use of the term "protest" as "a word unknown to masonry," and gives Companion L's comments on the Ohio resolution concerning "legless weary sojourners" as "solid shot," probably alluding to the way the legs were lost.

Companion Gouley also gives lengthy extracts from the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, but without comment, concluding in these words:

The General Grand Body is now upon a firmer basis than ever before, and being, as it always will be, in the hands of honorable Companions, as officers and representatives, it should be the means of great good to the Royal Craft, throughout the world.

M.: E.: James E. Carter, of Jefferson City, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Geo. Frank Gouley of St. Louis, re-elected Grand Secretary. The latter was also reappointed Committee on Correspondence.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska convened its sixth annual convocation, in the Senate Chamber of the capitol building, at the city of Lincoln, on the 17th day of June, 1872. M.: E.: E. A. Allen, Grand High Priest, presided. Six Chapters were represented.

In opening his annual address M.: E.: Companion Allen says:

Our Fraternity is in a very flourishing condition. Its prosperity (as usually estimated at least) must be regarded as highly satisfactory, for the ratio of increase has been unusually large during the past year. But let us be admonished of the fact that a mere increase of numbers may of itself be no just cause for congratulation. To my mind our Order is most in danger in times of seeming prosperity—most vulnerable and insecure when its praises are being sounded by the profane—those who are not of its fold—that from them we can better brook malignment than faint praise—lest through the latter we may become careless and unguarded in the use of the negative ballot, and thereby defective material be received, which may sap the foundation of our institution, tending to numberless evils or irretrievable disaster.

He reports the following decision in which we fully concur.

Believing that the ancient Laws, General Rules and Regulations which govern Symbolic Masonry apply with equal force and binding effect upon Capitular Masonry, I am clearly of the opinion that the Charter of a Chapter is confided exclusively to its Council, and that a High Priest carries with him, after the expiration of his term of office, no prerogative by virtue thereof, save the honor; and that a Past High Priest cannot congregate a Chapter, nor even preside therein, when congregated, except through the courtesy of one of the Council, according to seniority, who may be present.

He says, that subsequently finding an eminent Companion, whose opinions have great weight with him, dissented from this opinion, he addressed M.: E.: Companions Drummond, Hacker, and Mackey on the subject; but does not tell us the

purport of the responses received. We wish he had done so. The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which asked and obtained leave to report thereon at the next annual convocation.

Referring to the General Grand Chapter, he says :

It was my privilege and pleasure to be present at the 23d triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter held in the city of Baltimore last September. The session throughout was harmonious, instructive, and of surpassing importance to the Craft. Though the powers of that body, in my judgment, are too limited, yet nevertheless, it possesses an influence which tends greatly to promote and preserve unity between concurrent jurisdictions, and also to strengthen the fraternal ties of Companions hailing from different sections of the country. Thirty-one States were duly represented. This Grand Chapter, which was created by the General Grand Chapter (being bound thereto by an affinity like that which exists between a child and its parent), must have observed with great satisfaction the increased interest manifested by all present, in the deliberations of that important body; and also the fact that the Grand Chapters which had sought to sever their connection therefrom, and ignore its existence, are returning to their "Father's House," and receiving each a hearty welcome in the fold with their Companions.

This makes "assurance doubly sure" on the question of relationship. Our manuscript has gone to the printer, and we can't remember who it was that gave us our first information: but surely "Father's House" is the proper place for our "Step-mother."

He recommends the appropriation of *three cents* for each member on the rolls to the funds of the General Grand Chapter, in accordance with the request made at Baltimore, and the Grand Chapter voted the appropriation. We thought the request was for one day's wages of a Mark Master. How is this?

The following wise resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That Subordinate Chapters shall require of candidates, proficiency in the Master Mason's Degree before advancement.

The Committee on Grievancies report no business before it, and that no grievances have been reported to the Grand Chap-

ter during six years — the term of its existence, we believe — and, very justly, consider “so gratifying an indication of a healthy condition” a subject for congratulation. Please accept ours, most sincerely.

The able and interesting report on Correspondence, is from the pen of R.: E.: Companion Daniel H. Wheeler, and is, we think, the most elaborate of any we have received. Thirty-six Grand Chapters are noticed besides the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the proceedings of Connecticut in 1871 and 1872 being included.

He speaks in the highest terms of the reports of M.: E.: Companion Lockwood, and of M.: E.: Companion Stearns’ remarks on the General Grand Chapter says:

Manly words, and spoken like a Mason. As this spirit grows and strengthens, so will the Royal Art prosper, and the God of our Fathers will go with us.

Under the head of the General Grand Chapter he says of M.: E.: Companion Austin’s address:

The address is one we would like to print entire, but our space forbids.

It is replete with sound sense, and generous courtesy for those Masons who still, though few in number, maintain isolated hostility towards this Grand Body.

He approves the action taken on the proposition to “eliminate the Past Master’s degree,” and the “very wise action on the part of the Convocation,” in making Past Grand High Priests of State Grand Chapters permanent members, and thus concludes his remarks on the Baltimore gathering:

We were not present, but other Representatives state they never attended the meeting of any deliberative body where greater courtesy, forbearance, mutual respect and truly dignified and impressive proceedings were had. Long may the great Lights of Royal Arch Masonry thus convene, and thus preserve the integrity and prosperity of our Holy Order.

But what *we* most appreciate in Companion Wheeler’s report, is the friendly and fraternal manner in which he wel-

comes us to the reportorial ranks. We are young and inexperienced, and it is with much trepidation we have undertaken to measure lances in a field so long the arena of so many formidable Knights of the Quill. We won't call names, but there are a good many veterans of whom we stand in awe; and more than once have we wanted to resign. But Companion Wheeler's greeting gives us new courage; and though we don't aspire to the "front," to which he welcomes us, as "a high private in the rear rank," we will load and fire as steadily as possible, while our ammunition lasts. The Wheelers must all be good fellows, if we may take Daniel H. and our Joe for specimen bricks.

Companion Wheeler thus concludes his report, and summarises the whole field.

The last leaf is turned—the last pamphlet is closed, and the scissors are laid away. Fifty-four pamphlets of Proceedings have been pored over, containing the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, and we part with the doings and the words of our Companions throughout the world; we are called for a season from labor to refreshment, and yet we know not when, except upon similar occasions, we enjoyed our work more than when "en rapport" with the Craft through these now mutilated leaves. Every page was stamped with that earnestness and zeal which should ever actuate the disciple of Truth and Justice, and which should ever distinguish those who have faith in Rectitude of Life, and believe in Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

We observe that a large majority of Grand Bodies believe in the use of substitutes—that the Past Master's Degree must be conferred by Chapters, whether the candidate is an actual Past Master or not, to entitle him to the remaining Degrees—that an applicant for Capitular Degrees must be a member in good standing of some Symbolic Lodge, and that a goodly number, but not a majority, demand "proficiency" in the preceding degree before advancement. That nearly all agree in deeming a member of a Chapter suspended or expelled therefrom, when a Symbolic Lodge having jurisdiction over him, suspends or expels him by due process, but that they do not agree on the method of restoration. Above all else, among the many pleasurable experiences we have enjoyed in perusing the "Doings of Grand Bodies," is the return of affection, respect and obedience towards the General Grand Chapter. We hail these numerous omens with undisguised pleasure, because we feel that no organization

claiming similitude in its ties and tenets can be homogenous, efficient and healthy without the directing hand and brain of the pilot. We have been taught to follow our guide and fear no danger. Throughout nature this encouraging exhortation governs the multitudinous mechanism of a universe, and can we err in imitating so grand a lesson as the undeviating precision which His word has traced upon the Trestle Board of a Creation?

M.: E.: Robert R. Livingston, of Plattsmouth, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Daniel H. Wheeler, of the same place, was re-elected Grand Secretary and reappointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire was convened at Masonic Hall, in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 14th, 1872; M.: E.: John A. Harris, Grand High Priest. Fourteen Chapters were represented.

The annual address was brief and confined to matters of local interest.

In his report to the Grand High Priest the Grand Scribe alludes to a visit to Cheshire Chapter, No. 1, and says:

Past High Priest John Prentiss, now ninety-seven years old, was present, and made some very interesting remarks relative to the doings of the Order prior to the *eclipse*, as he styled it.

The term "eclipse" is new to us in this connection, and, we think, worth recording.

The financial request of the General Grand Chapter was complied with.

The annual dues to the Grand Chapter were fixed at three dollars for each exaltation, and a committee was appointed to revise the Grand Regulations, to report at the next annual Convocation.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was by E.: Companion John J. Bell. Thirty-eight Grand Chapters besides the General Grand Chapter receive his notice.

Referring to the action of the General Grand High Priest in reference to the Grand Chapter of Delaware, he says:

The right of these proceedings is best shown by their success. It would not therefore be safe to conclude that the General Grand Chapter has the right to do the same things in Pennsylvania or Virginia, for, at present at least, the same evidence of right might probably not be found. Except success, its right would be the same.

He says:

M. E. Companion Austin argues for the necessity of the continuance of the General Grand Chapter. He also recommends that proper powers be granted to it. There is little probability that this will be done in form; but great probability that those powers will be assumed in the teeth of its constitution, and submitted to by all concerned.

Concerning the legislation of that body he remarks:

The amendment to the Constitution to do away with the Past Master's degree was rejected by a vote of 14 to 101, all the votes of our representatives being in the negative. The incongruity of retaining the degree in its present position is apparent — the how to get rid of it, in view of our obligations, not at all apparent; so the conclusion reached was probably inevitable. The amendment making Past Grand High Priests members of the General Grand Chapter was adopted by a vote of 105 to 7. Thus, point by point the revolution of 1856-9 is being overthrown by usurpation or amendment.

Thus, straws seem to indicate a wind rather adverse to the General Grand Chapter in the region of Exeter. Well, we have already pleaded guilty to a want of appreciation of the Past Master's degree, other than as originally designed, *i. e.* for the benefit of Masters elect of Symbolic Lodges; and as we never expect to receive higher dignities from the Grand Chapter than have already been bestowed, we are not enthusiastic over the legislation conferring permanent membership on P. G. High Priests. But, then, we may not be competent to judge. We have heard this "mess of pottage" accepted in lieu of birthright, or at least nominally so — and that not a hundred years ago, nor a thousand miles from Hartford.

Companion Bell is probably the most concise reviewer we have in the whole corps. We give his remarks on Connecticut at length; and though they are not very long, they say a good deal.

At the annual convocation the proceedings were entirely of local interest, but evince prosperity and peace. The report on correspondence is a long and able document, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, including ours for 2400. Companion Lockwood was surprised at some of the queer views of our Indiana Companions, who are wiser in their own estimation than the fathers or the present generation. Those who have had to observe them longer are rather grieved than surprised that they are so unwilling to view certain questions as the rest of the Craft do; but they are incorrigible. He agrees with Companion Horner, of Louisiana, that the Chapters should be left to make their own by-laws, the Grand Chapter merely seeing that they do not violate higher law; to which he adds, "the fewer by-laws the better." He, like some other correspondents, doesn't like our pattern of report two years ago, preferring the review of each Grand Chapter by itself. Well, we are not likely to try that method again, for we found it increased the labor of making the report very greatly, while we get less credit, neither of which is agreeable to the writer hereof. He has his fun at the "figgers" thus, speaking of Nova Scotia:

"A praiseworthy report on correspondence, reviewing fifteen Grand Chapters (Connecticut, we are sorry to say, not included) is given by E. Companion J. Conway Brown, who, we are pained to see, is only 18° above zero. We knew it was cold in Halifax, but hardly expected to see it so low as 18° in the month of June, although it is only 32° in South Carolina."

He cannot see how the Grand Chapter can take away from the Grand High Priest the power to make Masons at sight, if he has such power, and then proceeds to derive the power from that to grant dispensations. We think that will hardly do. Grand Masters of Masons have certain prerogatives inherent in the office, not derived from the Constitution of their Grand Lodges, but relics of the time before 1717; but even Grand Masters have no power to grant dispensations for new Lodges, in any manner, or from any other source than the provisions of the Constitutions of their Grand Lodges. Grand High Priests are modern officers, whose whole powers are derived from the Constitutions of the G. G. C. and their own Grand Chapter; and the provisions relating to granting dispensations would not authorize in any way the making such a Chapter as Companion Lockwood supposes.

The power of condensation is a great gift, and we have met

with few persons more favored in this respect than our New Hampshire Companion. But we must take issue with him on some of his assertions above given. We must ask him to compare his assertion that "even Grand Masters have no power to grant dispensations for new Lodges, in any manner, or from any other source than the provisions of the Constitutions of their Grand Lodges," with the VIIIth General Regulation of the compilation of Brother George Payne in 1720, the then Grand Master of England, and declared by that Grand Lodge to have been "compared with and reduced to the ancient records and immemorial usages of the Fraternity."

"No set or number of brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made brethren, or afterwards admitted members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous; nor even then, without a *Dispensation from the Grand Master*, or his Deputy; and when they are thus separated, they must either immediately join themselves to such other Lodges as they shall like best, with the unanimous consent of that other Lodge to which they go, or else they must obtain the *Grand Master's warrant to join in forming a new Lodge*."

If any set or number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge *without the Grand Master's warrant*, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them, nor own them as fair brethren and duly formed, nor approve of their acts and deeds; but must treat them as rebels, until they humble themselves, as the Grand Master shall in his prudence direct and until he shall approve of them *by his warrant*," &c.

The italics are ours.

We hold that the Grand Master has by prerogative, *all the powers of the Grand Lodge*, when that body is not in communication; subject to the same power of revision by the Grand Lodge which that body possesses in reference to any of its own edicts. In other words *the Grand Master is the Grand Lodge, ad interim*.

The dispensing power is just one of those prerogatives inherent to the office, which are "relics of the time before 1717; and which are all summed up in one sentence—the right to do anything when the Grand Lodge is not in communication which that body may do when it is.

On every principle of Capitular Masonry, the Grand High Priest stands in the precise relative position, to the Grand Chapter and the Royal Craft, that the Grand Master does to the Grand Lodge and the Brethren of the Symbolic Degrees.

M.: E.: Edward Gustine, of Keene, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Abel Hutchins of Concord, was re-elected

Grand Secretary. E.: Companion John J. Bell, of Exeter, was reappointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey was convened in its sixteenth annual Convocation, at Masonic Hall, in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday, September 11th, 1872. M.: E.: William H. Jeffreys, Grand High Priest. Representatives from twenty-one Chapters were present; and among them we recognize our old friend and Companion M.: E.: Thomas E. Bailey, H.: P.: of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 8.

The Annual address of the *Rev. G.: H.: P.:* is a remarkable production. One of the opening paragraphs is this:

We are not superstitious enough to believe that there is anything connected with Royal Arch Masonry calculated to prevent its votaries from taking the "small pox" or any other prevailing contagion, but, nevertheless, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to record the fact that in the midst of surrounding death we have all been preserved alive.

He thus modestly refers to his presence in the General Grand Chapter.

Your Grand High Priest was present every moment of every session of that General Grand Body, and was frequently surrounded by his associate Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, each of us wearing our regalia bearing upon it the insignia of the "three plows" and other emblems from our State "coat of arms." It may have been *those plows*, or the fact that your representatives looked green and from the country, that led certain "city chaps" to designate us as "the agricultural delegation;" but, however, we received our full share of respect, which, as delegates from the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, we certainly would have demanded if it had not been cheerfully accorded.

Your representative went to Baltimore under instructions from this Grand Body to vote against any effort to strike from the degrees of Capitular Masonry the degree of Past Master. Such an effort was made, but I am happy to inform you that it was defeated, and by the advocates

of the measure its defeat was attributed mainly to the opposition it met with from New Jersey.

Rather good this, in view of the fact that the proposition was defeated by a vote of 101 to 14. How all powerful that opposition seems to have been.

But this looks as though it was mere luck after all.

By some *mysterious fortune*, your representatives *happened* to be on the affirmative side of every proposition that finally succeeded and was adopted by the General Grand Body.

Referring to the discussion concerning the G. O. W.: he says :

To secure and enforce uniformity of work, is the chief trust committed to the General Grand Chapter by the Royal Arch Masons throughout its entire jurisdiction. That grand object was greatly promoted by the adoption, on the part of that General Grand Body, of a peculiar form in the opening and closing of the Royal Arch. It is a form of work that will commend itself to every intelligent Masonic mind.

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It relieves us entirely of the conglomerated and heathenish form of words that have been heretofore used in this and some other jurisdictions.

We certainly hope the "heathenish" element has disappeared, but judging from the effort before us, we are not so sanguine about the conglomeration.

Here is the chaplet he weaves around the temples of M. E. Companions Drummond and English. The former "glided into the office of G. G. High Priest as naturally as the sun rises in the east to open and adorn the day," while the latter "took his position as quietly as the silvery moon shines out resplendent amongst the glittering stars at night." Truly *Rev. Companion Jeffreys'* poetic fervor is only equaled by his originality.

Of the many pleasant and amusing incidents connected with the trip to Baltimore, he tells

How, on one occasion, your Grand High Priest had the honor of being the officiating clergyman at the marriage of New Jersey with Maryland,

"*my Maryland,*" and how, on another occasion, he was mistaken for a prelate of the Roman Catholic Church, and was actually besieged at "low twelve" by an army of female converts to the doctrine of immaculate conception.

Otium cum dignitate. By the way, we wonder if these female converts *relieved* him of the "*heathenish form of words*" above referred to.

He doesn't approve of public dedications by Royal Arch Masons, and says:

I have serious doubts if the tabernacle erected by our ancient brethren at Jerusalem, near the ruins of the temple, was ever formally dedicated. If, however, this Grand Body would establish, in some proper locality, "a secret vault," in which the photographs of its Grand Officers and other sacred treasures could be safely deposited for the benefit of future generations, I would cheerfully aid in dedicating or consecrating said "*secret vault.*"

The pertinence of the following remarks must be apparent to all who read the address.

It is an ancient landmark of Royal Arch Masonry that some one shall see to the introduction of "strangers amongst the workmen," and suffer none to be incorporated with the workers except those who prove themselves to be of "the true tribe" and "no imposters;" they must, moreover, be of such rare material *that their modesty will bespeak their merit*; workmen who are willing to undertake any portion of the work, even the most difficult or servile. An application of this ancient landmark to the material that comes up from our Subordinate Chapters to be incorporated into this Grand Chapter, may save this Grand Body from discord and possible dissolution.

The inordinate desire for official position sometimes manifested in Subordinate Chapters by newly exalted Companions, who show that their only object in paying their admission fees, and undergoing the ceremony of initiation, has been to become candidates for election to the chief offices in the Chapter, *is a growing evil which deserves a most severe rebuke.* When such professed Royal Arch Masons having gratified their inordinate ambition by securing an election in their Subordinate Chapters, come with the same purpose to this Grand Body; here, if nowhere else, they should receive such treatment as their unmasonic conduct demands.

We are responsible for the italics in the first paragraph.

The reports of the D.: G.: High Priest and Grand King *are* sensible, business-like documents. The following paragraphs deserve to be read and *remembered* in every Chapter in the land.

This from Companion Redway.

In making my visits during the year, I have frequently been obliged to reprimand the Companions severely for a habit which seems to be growing in some of our Chapters—that of causing fun during the working of the degrees, to make it a scene of mirth and jollity rather than solemn impressiveness. It is so inconsistent with all the teachings and ceremonies connected with our sublime institution, that it has been a matter of surprise to me that it has been even countenanced, much less practised. I have never yet been able to discover in any degree of Masonry that which would cause me to laugh and make fun. Our Order is sublime, and it should be our aim to elevate it rather than degrade it, so that it may commend itself to all who seek to be encircled in its folds.

And this from Companion McIlhauney.

In several of my visitations, I was compelled to severely criticise the action of the Companions in reference to the improper treatment of candidates, and the too great amount of levity indulged in. In one instance fun appeared to be the predominant element. The officers of Chapters should strictly guard against such conduct; it tends to destroy the impressions sought to be imprinted on the minds of the candidates, leading them to believe, that, instead of being *exalted* to the *most sublime degree*, they are being *degraded* to the *most* ridiculous. The cause of this may be attributed to the *want of firmness* on the part of the High Priest; but from whatever source it may arise, it should be stopped—and at *once*.

The legislation was chiefly of local import.

The By-Laws were amended by the adoption of the following:

Any member of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who shall be in arrears for dues for twelve months, and shall neglect to pay the same within one month after being notified by the secretary, may be stricken from the roll by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter; and a member thus stricken from the rolls may, after having paid his dues, be restored to full membership by a two-thirds vote of the members.

In Connecticut we hold that a member, stricken from the rolls for the non-payment of dues, becomes thereby a non-affi-

liate, and can only regain membership by petition and a clear ballot.

M.: E.: Companion Thomas J. Corson, presented another of his admirable reports on correspondence. The proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters besides those of the General Grand Chapter are reviewed. Connecticut received her fair share of his notice.

Commenting on Companion Naramore's Report, he says:

The Committee on Grievances seems to be a sinecure in that jurisdiction, as it will be everywhere if the Companions practice what they learn and teach.

Our predecessor is thus referred to:

Companion Lockwood, the gentle Luke, presented the Report on Correspondence, in which twenty-seven Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter receive kind and fraternal treatment.

In speaking of one of the Grand Chapters whose Reporter had failed to do his work, he says "some one ought to be found who would be willing to serve the craft, even at some personal sacrifice." Those who have tried this work know that its proper performance requires a great deal of hard labor, and no little "personal sacrifice;" but no Companion should accept the situation unless he has time to spare for its accomplishment, and is willing to devote his energies to the task. It is, without question, the hardest position, so far as mental and physical labor is concerned, that any one can occupy in a Masonic Body; but each Reporter should feel that he is laboring for the good of his fellows—that he is fulfilling his vow to give light and information; and this thought should incite him to constant and unrelenting efforts to make his work thorough and complete.

He gives numerous quotations, and "vastly likes" what Lockwood says about the lame, the halt, and the blind in Ohio, but expresses no opinion on his review of the G.: O.: W.: discussion in the General Grand Chapter, though he copies it entire. But he shows a just appreciation of our beloved Companion in the following:

On account of the fact that his "time is so engrossed by other duties," he retires from the Reportorial corps, for which we are sincerely sorry. We cannot well afford to spare him, for his reviews are well written, and evince sound judgment, a kind heart, and untiring zeal and devotion to the good cause.

He gives M.: E.: Companion Austin's address before the General Grand Chapter, in full, but makes no comments on any of the legislation there had. We cannot deny you the perusal of some of his closing words.

And now, Companions, as we look over our broad land, and see such universal signs of prosperity and happiness among the Royal Craft, as we see our altar-fires burning brightly in every quarter, and hear sounds of rejoicing and gladness issuing from every tabernacle wherein our rites are observed—is not all this enough to fill our hearts with joy supreme, and inspire us with new zeal and fresh ardor to press onward in the good cause which we have espoused? With an army of over one hundred thousand true and tried warriors in the field, who can calculate the immense influence which we exert? * * * * *

Let us remember that each one of us, whatever be his place or station, forms one of the blocks of which our mystic Temple is wrought, and that, under God, it rests upon our own individual efforts whether that block shall be a "perfect ashlar" which will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square; or whether, by its imperfection and unsightliness, it shall mar the beauty of that Temple which is erected to the glory of the Grand High Priest of the Universe. Let us, dear Brethren and Companions, feel the great importance of the trust committed to us; and feeling and acknowledging this, let us devote ourselves to the noble work of improving and benefitting ourselves and our fellow men, feeling also that we are guided and directed by One who cannot fail—who will impart to us such strength and power as will enable us to fight the good fight with an assured prospect of victory—to whom, and not to ourselves, we ascribe all the glory and all the honor.

We have never had the pleasure of meeting Companion Corson, but we feel, that having read his vigorous, learned, sprightly and affectionate reports, we know him for a good, wise man and a beloved Companion, whose acquaintance would be a privilege and whose friendship would be an honor.

M.: E.: T. H. R. Redway, of New Brunswick, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: John Woolverton, of Trenton, was re-elected Grand Secretary. M.: E.: Thomas J. Corson, also of Trenton, was reappointed Committee on Correspondence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was convened in its third Annual Convocation, at Masonic Hall in the city of Halifax, on the 4th day of June, 1872. M.: E.: Stephen R. Sircom, Grand High Priest presided, and four Chapters were represented.

The address of the G.: H.: P.: exhibits an intelligent and zealous devotion to the cause of Capitular Masonry in his jurisdiction, worthy of imitation in many of our oldest and largest Grand Chapters; and to our mind, very satisfactorily accounts for the healthy and prosperous condition of our young sister.

He feelingly alludes to the decease of R.: E.: Joseph C. Brown, Grand King, and chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, whose untimely death was brought to your notice by your committee last year.

The unwarrantable persistence of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, in refusing to recognize the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and the unmasonic and discourteous conduct of the two clandestine Chapters in that Province, (which illegally claim to exercise the functions of Royal Arch Chapters under the authority of the former body,) in not noticing the fraternal overtures extended by their lawful Grand Chapter, are referred to with the utmost moderation and wisdom.

He reports granting a dispensation for the establishment of a new Chapter at Annapolis; which action was endorsed and a charter issued by the Grand Chapter.

All his subordinate Chapters were visited and inspected during the year, and a full report of the condition of each is given.

Thirteen representatives were accredited to other Grand Chapters.

Considerable space is devoted to "the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown," which body claims supreme authority over that degree within British territory, and

has, we believe, been recognized by the Grand Chapters of Iowa and Pennsylvania. He recommends recognition, provided jurisdiction be not claimed over the Mark degree in Nova Scotia.

To our mind, the multiplication of Grand bodies and officers and high sounding titles, should be discouraged by Masons, and the one effort should be to restrict the order in all its degrees, to its ancient constitution and functions.

Companion Sircom proposes a large number of amendments to the constitution of his Grand Chapter; among them the appointment of all the officers, except the Grand Council, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary; the annual inspection of every Chapter by the G.: H.: P.: or his representative; prohibition of the naming of Chapters for any living person, and the conferring of any of the degrees without the full appropriate ceremonies. Also making it the special duty of every High Priest to preserve due order and solemnity during the work, and to call to a strict account any Companion indulging in trifling and levity.

We notice that honorary life membership and the rank of Past Grand Scribe was conferred by the Grand Chapter on two Companions. We have heard of such action by one or two other Grand Chapters, but cannot approve it. Rank in Masonry is real, and in our humble opinion should be restricted to actual election and service.

It seems that the general care of the craft during the interim between Convocations of the Grand Chapter, is exercised in Nova Scotia by a "Committee of General Purposes," of which the G.: H.: P.: is a member indeed, but under the chairmanship, last year, of the Grand Scribe. Is not this an infringement on the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest—not only the chairmanship but the committee itself?

R.: E.: Companion Gossip having been appointed in the place of R.: E.: Companion Brown, deceased, presented a very brief report on Correspondence. In his concluding remarks he thus accounts for his brevity:

With the extremely limited space allowed us, and the knowledge that the printer's bill must be just so much, and no more, we have made but

few comments, but have presented such extracts as were thought to contain matters of interest, and which might possibly be useful to us in the future.

In the perusal of the mass of Proceedings received, we must confess to having experienced a great deal of pleasure, but have to regret that on this occasion circumstances have compelled us to omit almost entirely the expression of our own views on the many questions requiring full and free discussion ; we trust however that as our Grand Body grows in years and prosperity, we shall not be *compelled* to confine our remarks within a limited number of pages, from the fear of want of funds to pay the printer.

In which hope we most heartily join. There are, according to the returns, but one hundred and eighty-nine *regular* Royal Arch Masons in Nova Scotia, and the expense necessarily attendant upon the Grand Chapter, and the publication of its proceedings and reports, must be quite a burden, when assessed upon so few. But the importance of the correspondence and a free and full discussion by reporters, must commend itself to their judgment, and induce an extra effort. We trust that Companion Gossip will not be restricted in future ; for, although his reports must necessarily be *gossipy*, he shows marked ability in the reportorial line.

The proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, besides the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons in England are noticed.

In alluding to the proceedings at the semi-annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter at New Britain, he takes exception to the record of the work done in Giddings Chapter No. 25, while the Grand Chapter was at refreshment, and says :

Why minutes properly belonging to a private Chapter should be incorporated with those of Grand Chapter we cannot conceive ?

The special object of our semi-annual Convocation being the exemplification of the work, and the subordinate Chapter being the proper body in which the degrees should be conferred, we deem it eminently appropriate that the record of the work done then and there should be incorporated in the minutes of the Grand Chapter. Following his example we are constrained

to be a little critical too, and inform him that in Connecticut the Grand is just as "private" as the Subordinate Chapter.

Of the G.: G.: C.: he says:

That the General Grand Chapter has a strong hold on the affection of the Subordinate Chapters, all the Proceedings of the Convocation tend to show, and it is very evident that the few Grand Chapters who now remain aloof will very soon enrol themselves under the general head.

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The Convocation appears to have been a very enjoyable one, and we do not doubt but that it will prove to have been a profitable one to the Royal Craft.

M.: E.: Stephen R. Sircom and R.: E.: James Gossip, both of Halifax, were re-elected Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, respectively. We assume that the latter will retain the Chairmanship of the Correspondence Committee, although we find no reference to the matter in the proceedings.

OHIO.

The fifty-sixth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio was convened at the City Hall, in the city of Columbus, on the 1st day of October, 1872, M.: E.: Charles C. Kieffer, Grand High Priest, presiding over the representatives of one hundred and fifteen Chapters.

The record says:

Before the transaction of any business, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample form.

A Committee on Credentials was then appointed, and upon its report the minutes continue:

There being more than a quorum of Chapters represented, after devotional exercises by Comp. Lafayette Van Cleve, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter of Ohio was declared open for the transaction of business.

We have long thought the distortion of the lectures, for the purpose "amply opening" a grand body, as practiced in this, and, we presume, most jurisdictions, to be entirely without warrant. We never heard of any ancient *ritual* for a Grand Chapter or a Grand Lodge, nor do we believe there ever was any. Our Ohio Companions have, undoubtedly, the right practice, and we are glad to find our views thus influentially sanctioned.

From the annual address of the Grand High Priest—which is devoted to matters of local import—we find another practice to approve. That is the issuing of proxies by the G.: H.: P.:, for the visitation and instruction of Chapters, which the officer himself is unable to attend. To our mind this is far more in accord with the ancient usages of the Order than the creation of the new-fangled office of District Deputy. We are so intensely democratic in this country, that when Americans enter the Masonic fraternity, where rank and title are recognized, the reaction is terrible, and every one is ambitious for a high-sounding title, and "a little brief authority."

From the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest, we learn that the authority of that officer to grant dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, is recognized in Ohio.

The following communication, which was presented, is rather suggestive :

WARDEN'S OFFICE, OHIO PENITENTIARY,)
Columbus, Ohio, October 1, 1872.)

To the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio :

SIR—The Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, now in session in this city, are respectfully invited to visit the Ohio Penitentiary at such time as may be most convenient to themselves during their present session.

Very truly yours,

R. BURR, Warden.

But, after all, it is probably only another evidence of the reformatory influence of Masons on their fellow men.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia received cordial recognition.

The Committee on Jurisprudence has a novel way of getting rid of difficult subjects :

They have also had under consideration the papers in the matter of the complaint of Hamilton Chapter, No. 21, against Kilwinning Chapter, No. 97, which raises the question of jurisdiction between said Chapters, and being unable to agree upon a report in the premises, recommend that the matter be continued to the next session of the Grand Chapter.

M^r. E^r. Comp. J. Kelly O'Neill writes the report of the Committee on Foreign "Communications." He reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters and the G. G. C., thus trying his wings before taking flight:

"And with this ample territory, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the lichen clad rocks of the north to the palm groves of the Mexican Gulf, as our field from which to pluck the flowers and gather the golden grain of Masonic thought, we commence our tour of pleasant labor and laborious pleasure, as usual, with" &c.

"Lichen clad rocks" and "palm groves" are expressive, especially so in a Symbolic Order. It is really wonderful how much poetic genius in disguise, we have discovered in the Reportorial corps.

Of our last annual Convocation he says:

But little business was done. Everything seemed to have moved during the past year in such perfect order that little "fixing up" was required.

And thus does honor to his own perceptive powers.

He rather gets the best of Comp. Lockwood on the lame, halt and blind subject, as follows:

In his notice of Ohio, he quotes, under the name of a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and says it was agreed to, a resolution relative to the physical qualifications of candidates; which was offered in the Grand Chapter, and referred to that committee, but *not* adopted, and comments as follows:

"We are glad to know this; for, if we ever visit Ohio again, and a Royal Arch Mason, without arms, should offer his foot in welcome, we can reciprocate the warm pressure, and safely infer that he has been duly exalted by a Chapter which is its own and sole judge of the necessary

physical qualifications of its candidates. Again, how deeply we all must sympathize with *leg-less, weary sojourners*. Do they *wade* streams or pass bridges in Ohio? The idea of the lame, the halt and the blind rebuilding the house of the Lord! It might be consistent, for they ought to be willing to work without the hope of fee or reward. Please reconsider. The subject grows, but lost legs, hands, arms and feet will not."

All of which we would approve, were it not wholly inapplicable; and had Companion Lockwood adjusted his glasses he would have seen that the resolution he copies was referred to, and not reported by, the Committee on Jurisprudence, and had he continued his investigations to the report, which was agreed to, and in the opinion of one member, at least, of that committee, is not free from objection, he would have found it differing materially from that which he makes the subject of his irony.

We would crow over Lockwood a little on this, did we not think it extremely probable that some of these heartless reporters will catch us in even a worse fix before long.

Referring to the Convocation at Baltimore, he says:

The General Grand Chapter had been denounced as encroaching and dangerous; as imbecile and powerless to protect or confer any benefits on the several State Grand Chapters, and some of the delegates had even been instructed to secure its dissolution, but the session closed with unusual harmony and good feeling, leaving the body more firmly established than at any former period, no one having had the temerity to make the long meditated and threatened attack. May it long continue to exercise its benign and fraternizing influence over the Grand Chapters of the United States.

To which we respond, "So mote it be."

M.: E.: J. Kelly O'Neill, of Lebanon, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: James Nesbitt, of Troy, re-elected Grand Secretary. Comp. Stith M. Sullivan, of Dayton, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign "Communications."

OREGON,

The twelfth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, convened in the City of Salem, on Friday, June 21st,

1872, M.: E.: James R. Bailey, Grand High Priest presiding over representatives from five Chapters.

The annual address is very brief, and contains nothing of interest outside the jurisdiction.

One new Chapter was chartered, and those already established appear to be in a prosperous condition.

Past Grand Treasurers and Secretaries were given the right to vote, *if present*, in Grand Chapter, by amendment to the Constitution.

With a liberal spirit which sometimes deserves commendation and sometimes not, our Oregon Companions voted an appropriation of *ten cents per capita* for the general Grand Chapter. We suppose they hardly thought \$1.90 worth sending—there are only 190 Royal Arch Masons on the rolls in Oregon—but why more should be appropriated than was asked for, we are at loss to understand. There are about 113,000 Capitular Masons under the jurisdiction of the G.: G.: C.:, and a contribution of one cent each would amount to something over \$1100 per annum, which seems to us ample for the purposes of that body; especially as it only convenes triennially. If Oregon sends ten cents per member, why shouldn't the rest of us; and what under the sun does the General Grand Chapter want \$11,300 a year for? We can't see the point.

The proceedings are well arranged and beautifully printed. Somehow we can't get it through our skull (wool is the proper word, or would be for any but a bald-headed man) that the fine-arts of civilization have found their way to what, in spite of us, seem still the far off primeval wilds of Oregon we used to study about in the old district school house: and it sounds strange to hear of cities there, and looks stranger to see a book that would do credit to Appleton, Harper or Osgood, coming to us from the hands of those whom we can't help thinking of as pioneers and backwoodsmen. We beg our Companions' pardon—we read the newspapers and know better—but so strong are the impressions of childhood, that we don't suppose we shall ever *realize* the fact that those far distant western wildernesses of thirty years ago, have, within the limit of our few summers, attained a cultivation and a civilization, which, before the age of steam and telegraph, would have been the

growth of centuries, till we see them our own eyes, as we hope some day to see them.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R.: E.: Companion T. McF. Patton. Thirty Grand Chapters and the G.: G.: C.: are noticed by him, Connecticut for 1871 being of the number. We quote the following :

We notice from his (M.: E.: Companion Barlow's) address that Hiram Chapter, No. 1, at Newton, has again been *instituted* and the officers publicly *installed*.

We had occasion last year to criticise mildly, (more for information than otherwise) the act of G.: H.: P.: Barlow, in instituting and installing their officers when dispensation was granted. We hope Companion Lockwood will "*rise and explain*" the first installation Under Dispensation.

Again, commenting on Companion Lockwood's Report on Correspondence, he comes back to the same subject, and says :

In his review of Minnesota, replying to Companion Pierson, as to the law authorizing installation of officers Under Dispensation, he says :

"Chapters U. D. are not *instituted* nor are its officers *installed* in Connecticut."

The use of these terms was an inadvertance on the part of the G. H. P. ; his attention was called to them at the time and he struck them out, but the "*printer's devil*, it is presumed, put them back."

This apology, Companion, is very *thin* ; it may suit Companion Pierson, —the striking out part and the presumption of the *devil*,—(we mean the printer's devil,) in putting them back.

The question with us, is, if such a thing was not done, how did it come that such minute details of the transaction were given in G. H. P.'s address ?

We are always disposed to give the *devil* his due, but are not inclined to hold him responsible for this act, any more than we are for the failure of Hiram Chapter to make returns or pay dues.

Now we have no doubt Companion Lockwood could straighten out this snarl, to the entire satisfaction of Companion Patton,—he is well known among us to be equal to any emergency—but we confess it too much for us, and give up the conun-

drum without an effort. Besides, we have been squinting ahead of our pen, and find we have a serious castigation in store, from our antedeluvian Companion Dove (the same we suppose that carried the branch into Noah's Ark) of Virginia, for some of Lockwood's sins and we have therefore come to the determination to leave him to fight his own battles. We warn you all,* however, to beware of his artillery if he once opens his batteries.

The following paragraph brings the tears to our eyes :

Some of our correspondents, referring to the death of our venerable Companion, (E. G. Storer,) are laboring under the impression that it is Companion William Storer, who for many years was the faithful and able reporter of this Grand Chapter. This is a mistake, as William Storer still lives, and we hope that the request made in his last report to send him the annual publications, will not be overlooked.

That request is of no longer avail. Scarcely was the ink dry which traced those words, when William Storer was called to join his brother, in the Grand Convocation above. Two truer men and Masons, than these brothers, it will be difficult to find ; and long years will pass before their vacant places will be filled in our ranks.

Referring to the proceedings had at Baltimore, Companion Patton says piously :

Iowa, Vermont, Florida and North Carolina, returned to their first love, confessed their sins, and received the blessing.

And concludes as follows :

The all-absorbing question : Shall the General Grand Chapter continue, has been definitely settled—it still lives, and will continue to live. As correspondents, we will be under the necessity of raising some new question over which we can display our pugilistic abilities or resign the position. Substitutes, Past Master's Degree, the disorganization of the General Grand Chapter, and several other subjects have been discussed until every one has had his say. Let us all prepare for a grand time at Nashville, in November, 1874. Companion Corson is our authorized agent to secure a back seat for us.

This description of the Reportorial corps we respectfully commend to the dignified criticism of Great Grandfather Dove, as a suitable text for another sermon on "flippancy."

The Companions in our sister jurisdictions to whom this duty is assigned, are a wide-awake, lively, jovial set. They are full of fun, wit and poetry—it crops out all over. And if we have wandered too far from shore, or followed the music of some happy Companion, we beg your indulgence, and will promise reformation in the future.

How the poor old man will grieve to find himself in such frivolous company.

M.: E.: James R. Bayley, of Corvallis, and R.: E.: R. P. Earhart of Salem, were re-elected Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, respectively. R.: E.: Companion Patton, of Salem (we believe), will again report on Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina convened in annual Convocation in the city of Charleston, on Tuesday, February 13th, 1872. M.: E.: James A. Hoyt, Grand High Priest. Twenty-seven Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, after stating that

Private duties and engagements have prevented any considerable effort on my part to ascertain the condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout this jurisdiction by personal visits to Subordinate Chapters, which would have afforded me unusual pleasure, I have no doubt, if circumstances had permitted,

proceeds to lecture his Companions upon their indifference to the order, which seems to us rather cool for a warm climate. The address is practical and business-like, but is confined to matters of local interest.

From the following paragraph in the report of the Grand Secretary we are constrained to fear that the credit of our South Carolina sister is not very good :

In this connection I would respectfully report that, as directed, I contracted, on as favorable terms as possible, for printing the proceedings of the last Convocation, but when the bill was presented, the Treasurer was not in funds to meet the same. Finding, some weeks back, that if a cash payment were made, a discount of twenty per cent. of the amount of the bill could be obtained, I took the liberty of advancing the money and paying the bill, trusting that the Grand Chapter would sanction my action in the premises, as I knew the amount to be correct. The bill, less the discount, now waits your approval.

We can't get twenty per cent. off for cash in Connecticut.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized and greeted, and the annual contribution was voted to the G. S. G. C. A contribution of one dollar for each member borne on the rolls was requested of the Subordinate Chapters, for the purpose of cancelling the deficit in the Treasury ; which appears to us to have been caused chiefly by the payment of *per diem* and mileage to the members of the Grand Chapter, a proposition to forego which was tabled. We have noticed that most of the Grand Chapters where this system prevails are more or less crippled in their resources, and we feel like congratulating ourselves on the fact that our Companions at home are glad to come to annual Convocation, without fee or reward, and pay their own expenses. We are sorry to see that our South Carolina Companions were driven to the issuance of "scrip" (as they call it in Georgia), but then they voted to receive it back as cash, which don't look like repudiation.

R. E. Augustine T. Smythe presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, and like Alexander (we believe it was), laments that there are no more to conquer. Connecticut, for 1871, is included. He says of that Convocation :

The attendance by Subordinates shows the interest felt by the Craft, for out of thirty, twenty-nine were represented. The further proceedings tell us, the missing one was fined for being absent, a practice which, perhaps, accounts partially for the full attendance.

Well, we approve of a little wholesome discipline, and would mildly suggest, that it might work well where even \$465.40 *per diem* and mileage fails to assemble representatives from more than twenty-seven out of thirty-nine Chapters. We think discipline has a very salutary influence upon the "nondescript characters" Comp. Hoyt speaks about.

Comp. Smythe approves our custom of dividing our jurisdiction among the Grand Council for visitation and instruction, and offered a resolution to adopt the system in South Carolina which was referred for report at the next annual Convocation. We hope we shall not prove an *ignis fatuus* in this matter, and so warn him that it don't work well here, and he will doubtless see it thrown overboard at our coming Convocation. The only way to get Chapters thoroughly visited and instructed is, in our opinion, to employ some competent Companion to make a business of it, and to pay him for his time and labor.

He evidently enjoys Comp. Lockwood's "rap" at the innumerable degrees, and endorses his opinion, that at the commencement of a new term of office the officer should be installed, though he be re-elected.

From his concluding remarks we clip a few sentences :

It will thus be seen that Royal Arch Masonry continues, with undisturbed harmony, its onward progress. True, there have been slight differences of opinion, some cases of discipline, and mooted questions of law, which, like the ripples on the surface of the sea, serve only to break the monotony, and give zest and interest to the scene. But the great wave rolls on, bearing upon its bosom its freight of kindness and good will, and diffusing among all mankind the health-giving streams of brotherly love and charity.

The great question of the existence of the General Grand Chapter, the use of substitutes and the retention of the Past Masters Degree, which have caused so much discussion, have at last been determined affirmatively and definitely, and we now look with anxious solicitude for the return of our wayward sisters to the common fold. And the prospect does seem bright, that, ere we meet in Nashville, in 1874, we can welcome into equal and fraternal union with us, every Grand Chapter in our United States.

To which we say, "So mote it be."

We are glad to tell you that the following lugubrious resignation was *not* accepted :

And now, Companions, the work is before you, for your judgment. We simply trust it may serve to throw some additional light upon our noble institution. Bear with its faults; for it has been written under the pressure of a profession which is a "jealous mistress," and partly in seasons of sickness and affliction. The only amend we can offer is, in asking that you accept this as a resignation from the position which you called us to fill, and that thus some better fitted Companion may serve you for the ensuing year. We have tried to fill it satisfactorily, but feel that we cannot with justice to you or to ourselves again assume the responsibility, and humbly ask that to some one more competent the honor of the position may be assigned for the ensuing year.

To our brothers of the Reportorial Corps, we wish only to say a kind farewell. Our intercourse has been brief, but to us *very, very* pleasant; we have not had time for many jousts, but we feel as though we were leaving friends, and it is with sincere regret we pen these lines.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and all Masons.

Notwithstanding all which, Comp. Smythe was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Served him right. We hope his Grand Chapter will "hit him again."

M. E.: James A. Hoyt, of Anderson, and R. E.: Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, were re-elected Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary. The latter, as we have already said, will once more report on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was convened at Freemason's Hall, in the city of Nashville, on Wednesday, November 6th, 1872, M. E.: A. J. Wheeler, Grand High Priest, presiding over representatives from seventy-five Chapters.

The annual address commences with the following suggestion:

When I review the proceedings of this Grand Body for past years, and note the amount of business that was transacted necessary for the prosperity and peace of our Order, the question arises, Would it not be a

greater saving of expense, and as beneficial to our Order, to extend our convocations to biennial instead of annual sessions? Considering the saving of from one to three thousand dollars every year, the small amount of business necessary to transact for our continued prosperity, that returns could be required as regularly and promptly from subordinates as now, that should the dues from subordinate chapters not be reduced, the surplus fund of this Grand Body could be expended to much greater advantage than by paying yearly representations and other expenses connected therewith. All things considered, I must submit, that if annual convocations are necessary, it must be justified on the ground that social entertainment is the main object of yearly meetings. As all the teachings of Masonry are practical, I deem this a practical question for your consideration, and respectfully recommend that such action may be taken as may look to the amendment of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter on this point.

The very fact that affairs move on so smoothly with the Craft, is, in great measure, due to the watchful care which the Grand Bodies exercise over their subordinates. And the mere assembling in annual convocation and spending a day or two or three in fraternal intercourse, has a most salutary effect upon our Order. We should think more than twice before departing from the old well-tried order of things.

But this is not the only original idea in the address. The following evidences the *progress* of novelties.

It may not be inappropriate here to make some remarks on the system of Grand Representation. The system as now conducted appears to be simply a social exchange of empty honors; an interchange of civilities between Grand Bodies that prescribes no duties, nor grants no powers; dummies marked with the names of the various grand jurisdictions that have appointed them. Could not the system be used for some good and practical purpose? Could not these representatives be required to make themselves familiar with the history, rules, regulations and ritual of the grand jurisdiction they represent, and give us yearly a synopsis of the same in so far as they differed from our own? Could they not be made as ministers in charge of foreign affairs, and give passports as it were to companions that come from other jurisdictions to visit us, more especially if asking charities or privileges? Could they not be used as a means of better safeguard to our Order, and of improving our intellectual and Masonic standing; as now I submit to you the question, are they of any benefit to the craft?

But wouldn't it be better to abolish the "dummies" altogether? We respectfully refer to the action of the Massachusetts Grand Chapter on this subject.

The following decision we beg leave to turn over to M.: E.: Companions Lockwood and O'Neal (of Ohio), without venturing anything on the subject ourselves: •

A Brother Master Mason, an active and zealous worker in the Blue Lodge, of excellent moral character and superior intellectual attainments, applied for, and was elected to receive the degrees in Penn Chapter, No. 22. This brother had lost his left leg, and the same had been supplied by an artificial one; in all things he could comply with the ceremonies of the degrees, and readily receive and impart all the instructions pertaining to our Order. I was asked, could the brother receive the degrees? I replied that he could.

I am free to confess that had the brother been a *profane*, he could not properly have received any Masonic Degree. But I do not think that the same rigid rules apply to a Chapter that should govern a Blue Lodge.

Informally, I have been asked if a Companion with but one arm could be elected and installed as High Priest of a Chapter. I answered that a Chapter had the right to elect and install any member of their Chapter in good standing to that position.

We will only add that the Committee on Jurisprudence reported the opinion "that the usages and customs of R.: A.: Masonry are to the contrary," and were sustained in that opinion by the Grand Chapter.

West Virginia was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Assistant Grand Secretary, Comp. George S. Blackie.

Thirty-six Grand Chapters and the G.: G.: C.: receive his *notice*. We use the last word advisedly, as his remarks are very brief. They are, however, very much to the point, and we congratulate our Companion on possessing, (which we do not) the rare accomplishment of being able to say much in few words.

Of Connecticut he says:

PROCEEDINGS.—These being all of *domestic* interest, we need only congratulate the Companions on the life and health the Order exhibits among them, and trust it may continue,

(Italics ours.) Thanks for the kind congratulations.
The report concludes :

Thus, Companions, as briefly as possible, have we given the points of interest in the history of Royal Arch Masonry for 1871-2. We have every reason to be grateful for the unity and cordiality which exists between the different governing bodies and the peace and happiness of the Royal Craft. This is as it should be, and will, we trust, continue till the end of time.

We trust that we have succeeded in picking out the grains of gold from the veins of silver which form the bulk of the volumes we have been reading.

We might expect this last sentence from California or Nevada, but modestly ask if it is not rather poetic for Tennessee; especially in these "Greenback" days. But perhaps Comp. Blackie, like ourselves, hasn't seen gold and silver for so long, that it requires a poetic imagination to bring them into existence.

M.: E.: John W. Paxton, of Knoxville, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twenty-third annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, was convened at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Houston, on Monday June 10th. 1872, M.: E.: John B. Jones, Grand High Priest, and forty-six Chapters represented:—rather a small percentage of the ninety-six Chapters in the jurisdiction.

The annual address commences with a reference to "the kind indulgence of the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth." We see propriety in the expressions "Supreme Architect of the Universe," "Grand Master above" and of certain others which are common in Masonic discourse; but fail to recognize anything appropriate to the Almighty in the term

Grand High Priest. It seems to us that the Priestly Office is entirely subordinate to and dependent upon the idea of the Diety, for the service and honor of whom it was created. Would it not be wiser for Companions to keep a little closer to common sense and the legitimate symbolism of Masonry, even at the expense of some of the high sounding phrases which seem to be considered as giving impressiveness and dignity to their perorations.

Companion Jones probably relates the experience of most of his peers in the following paragraph :

Many questions have been submitted for my official opinion, most of which could have been solved by reading the Constitution, edicts and resolutions of the Grand Chapter, in less time than it required to write the letters of inquiry.

From the decisions reported we clip the following :

Belton Chapter wished to know "whether it is required that Subordinate Chapters shall charge the fee of five dollars for the degree of Past Master, when the same shall be conferred upon an actual Past Master who has been installed with the full degree."

Answered in the affirmative. Every applicant for the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry must take all the degrees appendant to the Chapter; the Past Master's is one of those degrees, and the Constitution provides that "the fee for the Past Master's degree shall not be less than five dollars." * * *

A Companion from another jurisdiction does not know how to "cut loose" from the General Grand Chapter of the United States. I decided that the act of this Grand Chapter, severing its connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, absolved all Royal Arch Masons then in this State, or who might thereafter come within our jurisdiction, from all allegiance to that Body. * * *

There can be no such thing as organizing a Council. Councils of Royal and Select Masters are appended to the Chapters, and bear the same relation to them that Lodges of Most Excellent and Mark Masters do, the degrees being conferred after, instead of before, the Royal Arch. The officers of the Chapters are officers of the Council, provided they are in possession of the Royal and Select degrees.

But suppose they are not. Query? J. N. L.

In the absence of any express regulation on the subject, I decide that a Chapter has the right to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master

on members of other Chapters ; *provided*, the Chapter of which the applicant is a member has not the required number of Royal and Select Masters to enable it to confer the degrees.

So it seems that a Companion may be a member of one Chapter in some of the degrees, and of another in others.

A Royal Arch Mason, member of a Chapter in Illinois, who has been living in this State two years, wishes to take the Royal and Select Master's degrees.

I decided that he could not do so, without first affiliating with the Chapter. There is no authority for balloting for these degrees alone, and therefore no means of ascertaining whether the Chapter is willing to confer them, except by passing the ballot on an application for affiliation. Besides, it is contrary to the spirit of our regulations to encourage non-affiliation.

Truly the ways of the Crypts are peculiar, in Texas.

The following undoubtedly enunciates sound principles of Masonic law.

A Mason under charges, merely, is not divested of any of his Masonic privileges thereby. * * *

A Chapter wished to know whether the High Priest elect could be installed by proxy ?

I decided in the negative, for the reason among others, that no one could take the oath required of the High Priest, except the party elected to the office.

Ten new Chapters are reported.

There are a good many matters of interest in the published proceedings, and in many respects our Companions in the lone Star State seem to have rather a unique way of doing things ; but the limits of our space forbid any extended comment. We must, however, speak of the novel method of investing the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter, or some thousands of dollars thereof, in the promisory notes of certain Companions. We judge however that five-twenty bonds would be more satisfactory, for some difficulty appears to be experienced in converting the notes into cash when it is wanted. Perhaps this is the rea-

son why the special Committee on Compensation of "Grand Visitors" reported as follows:

In view of the fact that the Subordinate Chapters generally are not in a condition to give much compensation to Grand Visitors, and as a more certain mode of maintaining uniformity in the work, we recommend that the Chapters send a delegation, of their own selection, to meet the Committee on Work at the Masonic Temple, every year, one week before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of receiving instruction; and that the Committee on Work be given authority to perform the duties in the premises.

We further recommend that full authority be conferred on the members of the Committee on Work to impart instruction to Subordinate Chapters, and to Companions hailing from Chapters under our jurisdiction, whenever called upon so to do; and that anything contained in the Edicts and Resolutions of this Grand Body, conflicting therewith, be repealed; and we further recommend that the Grand Chapter pay the expenses of the Committee on Work, while in attendance, in complying with the requirements of this Grand Chapter.

We are of opinion that Grand Visitors should only visit Subordinate Chapters on official business, unless especially called upon by the Chapters.

The recommendations were adopted. *True economy* sometimes requires judicious expenditure rather than no outlay, and in our humble judgment the wiser policy would have left the "Visitors" where they were, and provided for their payment by the Grand Chapter, even at the expense of increased dues from the Subordinates.

We know this is a fast age, but don't believe in "*instant*" reports by Committees on petitions, even by unanimous consent. The much abused article of stationary called red tape, like many other hindrances of human impetuosity, is a good thing in moderate amount.

From the report of the Committee on Chapters U.: D.: of which the present M.: E.: G.: H.: P.: Moses was chairman, we learn "the proper way of *getting* from one degree to another," in Texas.

We take this occasion to give the correct form of expression, to be used in the minutes to-wit:

"There being nothing further for attention in the Royal Arch degree, labor was dispensed with, and the Lodge called to labor in the Mark Master's degree, for the purpose of work. (The same language applying to the Past and M. E. Master's degrees.) Nothing further appearing for attention in this degree, labor was dispensed with and resumed in the Royal Arch degree," &c.

We like to see things called by their right names, and approve the action of the Committee on By-Laws in substituting "stated" for "regular" as to meetings, (but modestly suggest "Convocations" for the "meetings") and "dues," in plain Saxon, for "contributions:" but it puzzles us to understand how a Companion is to pay his dues monthly, and keep his account accurately balanced, at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents a month. Mr. Treasurer Spinner must run his printing press on a peculiar edition of shin plasters for Texas, which we have never heard of.

We are glad to infer, from the same report, that the unma-sonic tax known as an affiliation fee, is not permitted in that jurisdiction.

All the revenues, except a sufficient sum to cover current expenses, were appropriated to the completion of the Masonic Temple.

Something upwards of \$2,000, was thus summarily wiped out of the assets of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee would also recommend that the following notes in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, being deemed worthless, shall be stricken from the assets of this Grand Chapter, and filed in the office of the Grand Treasurer, to-wit:

Note of A. S. Ruthven, dated June 22, 1860, for \$305.00.

Note of A. S. Ruthven, dated June 25, 1860, for \$550.00.

Note of J. T. Graves and N. C. Raymond, dated June 22, 1860, for \$500.00.

Certificate of indebtedness of C. G. Keenan, Past Grand Treasurer, for \$651.91

We have doubts whether the Grand Chapter of Texas is a good market for note-brokers just at present.

No report on Correspondence was presented, but as a committee was appointed for its preparation we shall expect to hear from them next year.

M.: E.: Norton Moses, of Mahomet, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: Robert Brewster, of Houston, re-elected Grand Secretary. Companion J. W. Speight, of Waco, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VERMONT,

The Grand Chapter of Vermont convened in annual convocation, in the city of Burlington, on Friday, June 14th, 1873, M.: E.: Edward A. Jewett, Grand High Priest. Twenty chapters represented.

The annual address is chiefly devoted to matters of local import. An interesting obituary notice is given of P.: G.: H.: P.: Barzillai Davenport, whose reputation extended beyond the limits of his jurisdiction. The following action strikes us as "a new thing under the sun :"

On the 26th of January last, the charter, records, by-laws and furniture of Gifford Chapter No. 23 were destroyed by fire, and on the 29th I received a communication signed by the first three officers, asking for a dispensation to do work, instead of granting a dispensation I directed the Grand Secretary to forward to the High Priest a certified copy of their charter, which was done. At this convention they will apply to you for a new charter in place of the one destroyed, which I recommend be granted without expense to them.

When we are examined as a visitor in Vermont, we will answer, "a charter or warrant, or a certified copy entitling them to work."

In reply to the question, "Has a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons a right to confer the Past Master's degree upon a Master elect of a Lodge?" Companion Jewett, very properly decides, "No Chapter has any right to confer any of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon any person, unless he shall have been elected in a regular manner, according to the General regulations of this Grand Chapter."

We think the following will interest you, and, perhaps, convey more of a lesson than Companion Jewett intends.

I cannot let this occasion pass, Companions, without entering my *solemn protest* against the action of certain persons calling themselves *Masons*, who for several months past have been about disseminating what they are pleased to call *Masonic Degrees*, under the name of the "Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis of thirty-three degrees."

Over a year ago one B. S. Hill, and later one Harry J. Seymour (an expelled member of the Scottish Rite), the latter claiming authority from the Grand Orient of France to do so, * went about the State and for a consideration conferred these degrees and established Chapters, Councils, &c., of the Rite.

* The following is a copy of a letter in relation to the Rite of Memphis, received by Companion J. H. Drummond, now Gen'l Grand High Priest, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, by which it will be seen that even the Grand Orient disowns and discountenances the acts of Harry J. Seymour, and his tool, B. S. Hill.

(Translation of letter of Brother Thevenot).

"T.:T.:G.:O.:T.:G.:A.:O.:T.:UNIVERSE.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE,
O.: of PARIS, Feb. 24, 1870, (E.: V.:)

Very Honorable Brother:

Brother Poulle desires me to reply to a letter which you have addressed to him for the purpose of knowing if Brother Marconis in the character of Grand Hierophant of the Rite of Memphis has the right to create *Masons* of that Rite in America, and to confer there the 33d degree of the Scottish Rite, &c.; and inquiring if he does this with the knowledge and consent of the Grand Orient of France. I hasten to reply *not* so much to these different questions as to all which can arise in relation to the subject.

Behold, then, all the truth in relation to the Rite of Masonry and Brother Marconis. That Brother, at a certain time, decreed himself chief of a new Rite—the Rite of Memphis—to which he gave 96 degrees! He traveled, propagated his Rite in different countries, and returned to France, where he made dupes in founding three lodges. The police shut up these three lodges. The members of these three lodges were considered to be honest and well-meaning men.

They addressed themselves to the Grand Orient, which annexed to itself the Rite of Memphis, *without recognizing* its series of grades; it regularized the Memphis *Masons*, in recognising them as *Masons* of the grade of Master, only. Brother Marconis divested himself of all rights

Their aim seems to be to get control of the Grand Bodies, and to this end they have offered to confer their Degrees upon prominent Masons free of charge. And generally, when they could not get one price, they have taken another. Some of their followers have stated that their system would do away with the higher Degrees of Masonry, and that their Chapter Degrees were to all intents and purposes the same as those of the York Rite; and many of them do not deny the fact.

Many of them, I am informed, are led to believe that the possessors of this *bogus* thirty-third Degree would be recognized in England, France, and elsewhere, as regular Masons of that grade; whereas they would not be recognized or known, so far as those Degrees are concerned, to be Masons at all.

in relation to this Rite, and transferred his powers to the Grand Orient of France, happy, apparently, to see that the Rite, which he had created, did not perish.

But we counted in vain upon his good faith and upon his oath. That Brother continued clandestinely to give the high grades to isolated masons, addressing himself especially to strangers, and saying that his renunciation had effect only for France. Indigence impelled him into that bad faith. The Grand Orient wished to come to his aid; he replied that he was not poor. The Grand Orient had the right to proceed against him; it had pity upon an old man; it contented itself with warning its lodges against his intrigues. The Bulletin of the Grand Orient, which you receive, contains many resolutions upon that subject. See year 1856, pages 123, 146; year 1867, page 342; year 1868, pages 444, 467, 593. Finally, Brother Marconis died in 1869; we hope that he will have no successor, and that the Rite of Memphis will trouble us no longer. Already it has *entirely disappeared* from France. It is not maintained in Europe, save in some localities in Roumany, where it also tends to disappear, thanks to our incessant efforts.

These explanations, clear as well as concise, will give you the proof that it is not permitted to anybody in America, to invoke the name and authority of the Grand Orient of France in anything which concerns the Rite of Memphis. Nothing of what is done, or of any one who does it, in its name, concerning that Rite, is true. And I pronounce any one an imposter, who pretends to act in the name of the Grand Orient in the affairs of that Rite.

I hope, very dear and very honorable Brother, that these explanations will be of some use to you. In that hope, I pray you to accept the assurance of my most fraternal sentiments.

The Chief of the Secretariat,

THEVENOT."

TO THE HON. BROTHER DRUMMOND, Portland.

It is certainly surprising to think that in this day of light and knowledge Masons of good standing should allow themselves to be drawn into such institutions; but it would seem that they must be misled, and made to believe that at no distant day a union is to take place between the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and themselves, and that all will be then recognized as genuine thirty-third Masons. The day will never arrive, and they will sooner or later (if they have not already), awake and find that they have been relieved of a little filthy lucre, and received several high sounding titles which amount to nothing.

If such men are allowed to go about peddling Rites and humbugs, spreading discord and dissensions, and thus imposing upon the craft, ought we not, in no mistaken terms, place the seal of our condemnation upon the Institution.

And this is what the itching for grandiloquent titles and innumerable degrees leads to. We are not posted, but it *does* seem as though some of Companion Jewett's remarks might be pertinent to the A. A. S. Rite.

There is nothing in the legislation requiring notice.

The Committee on Correspondence not being ready to report, were directed to hand their report to the Committee on Publication for incorporation with the Proceedings. This direction, however, seems to have been unavailing, for no report appears.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were both re-elected. They are M.: E.: Edward A Jewett, and R.: E.: W. H. S. Whitcomb, both of Burlington. Companion Henry Clark, of Poultney, (we believe), was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VIRGINIA.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was convened at St. Albans Hall, in the city of Richmond, on Thursday, December 12th, 1872. M.: E.: Robert E. Withers, Grand High Priest, presided, and twenty-nine out of the forty-one Chapters in the jurisdiction were represented.

After the Grand Chapter had been opened in "SOLEMN FORM" the Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, which contains nothing demanding notice outside the jurisdiction. Almost the whole of the document refers to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and the relation existing between the two Grand Bodies now established within the former limits of "the Old Dominion," and the question of their respective jurisdictions over certain Subordinate Chapters. We are happy to note the exceedingly kind and fraternal spirit which characterizes his remarks on these subjects.

The "Grand Committee" (of the whole) reported the following resolutions which were "confirmed" by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That if a Companion is a member of two or more Chapters, and is suspended in one for non-payment of dues, he is *ipso facto* suspended in them all.

We beg Georgia's pardon. It seems that Virginian also recognizes dual and even plural membership, thereby "going several better" than the former.

Resolved, That so much of the Text Book, relating to the Order of High Priesthood, as refers to the ceremony of conferring the Degree, be referred to a Committee of three Past High Priests for revision; said Committee to report at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

What a Chapter or Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has to do with the *ritual of the Order of High Priesthood*, we don't understand. The following also appears among the resolutions "confirmed."

Resolved, That this Grand Committee do now rise.

"To explain," we suppose.

Our venerable Companion E. John Dove, Grand Secretary, &c., &c., presents the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Sixty one pages are devoted by him to a collection of extracts from the addresses of the Grand High Priests

of thirty-five, (not forty, as he says—he didn't count straight,) Grand Chapters, without the expression of any views of his own, and scarcely a word of information as to the doings of the various Grand bodies; and even what information he does give is in some cases erroneous; as, for instance, he entirely ignores M.: E.: Companion Lee, in saying of Connecticut, that at our Annual Convocation in 1872, "the Grand Officers were re-elected."

The childishness exhibited in the last few pages, and his imbecile attempts at scolding his companions of the reportorial corps, induce the reluctant belief that the day of our E.: Companion's usefulness is pretty nearly past, and that the Grand Council did wisely in leaving him off the Committee for the ensuing year.

As a matter of justice, we must say that we find *one* sentence which we can quote with approval.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest, of Maine, in his address, presents a very interesting decision on a question, which from its novelty, is likely to give rise to much discussion; his decision, however, fully accords with that part of the Installation ceremony where the presiding officer asks the plain question, "If all the members remain satisfied with their choice?" thereby evidently intending to give every one the right to object. It is only very remarkable that this should be the first time that question has been answered in the negative.

We would like a little Drummond light on the subject ourselves.

To show you how some of the ablest Masons in the land are handled by this querulous old gentleman, who probably has not the ability to appreciate a tithe of the wit, learning and zeal their reports evince, we give a few of his censures:

Indeed while conning over the inaugural address of each Grand High Priest, and the masterly manner in which they have handled all subjects submitted to them, we have been almost irresistibly led to the conclusion that the Committees on Foreign Correspondence have wandered far out of their original duties, and have assumed the prerogative of a Committee of Jurisprudence, or rather of Supervision of the decisions of Grand Officers, and thereby creating, or hoping to create, a buncombe

party, who by holding office shall control the God-like destiny of our beloved and time honored institution, thus reducing us to the ignoble level of a political club or association of men, who, entirely heedless and reckless of the interests of others, is wholly absorbed in self.

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And here presents the occasion, perhaps appropriately, for us to offer a few remarks on the manner in which the reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence are conducted. We have been, in one shape or the other, directly connected with this duty since December, 1818, now 54 years, and the performance of which duty has afforded us the pleasing gratification of perusing and being instructed by the annual analysis of the proceedings of some forty Grand Chapters, running through some thousands of pages, and take this opportunity to express our delight at the matter and manner of address of the presiding officer of each Grand Body. Turning from these, however, to the reports above referred to, we find a flippancy of style wholly incompatible with the dignity of the subjects submitted for their investigation, and the overshadowing influence of the invaluable and inappreciable importance of the principles involved in our glorious Institution.

He then proceeds to castigate by name your humble servant, for the reportorial sins of his predecessor. This we deem "the most unkindest cut of all." The idea of being brought to the pillory, and publicly charged with flippancy by one who has *enlightened* the Masonic world for *fifty-four years*, before we had even dipped our pen, and given the preliminary scratch to our left ear, would certainly have nipped our maiden efforts in the bud, had we not fortunately,—or perhaps unfortunately,—omitted to read our Companion's cooings until we were almost done our task. As it is, we are far too much frightened to attempt any reply; and will leave Companion Lockwood to settle with Companion Dove, only remarking that we are prepared to give odds on him against a whole flock of pigeons.

We believe *we* are correct in saying "the Grand Officers were re-elected." They are M.: E.: Robert E. Withers, Grand High Priest, and R.: E.: John Dove, Grand Secretary, both of Richmond. M.: E.: William B. Isaacs, of the same city, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin convened in annual convocation at Masonic Hall, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1873; M.: E.: C. F. G. Collins, Grand High Priest, presiding over the representatives of thirty-seven Chapters.

The annual address is an able and instructive document, and we feel that no apology to you is necessary for making extended quotations.

Masonry in all its departments is eminently a social institution, and the exchange of fraternal greetings, the renewing of old and forming of new friendships that each annual coming together brings, is certainly the most pleasant, and far from being the least profitable result of our meetings. Yet each year as we gather here, our pleasure is mingled with sadness, as we recall in vain the faces of our Companions assembled; for some that had become familiar to us by years of pleasant association, and to whom we were attached by the sincerest ties of fraternal regard, they leave us one by one, and the number of those we record "at rest" each year increases so regularly with our growth, that the tablets erected to their memory may almost serve as mile stones to mark our journey to the tomb. We should heed well the lesson and strive to so square our lives that we may not be unprepared for the summons when it comes

He speaks of

The somewhat ambiguous resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter in regard to the use of substitutes, which seems to possess the somewhat singular merit of being on both sides of the question.

We have read the resolutions over again for the twentieth time, but fail to find the ambiguity. Pray, Companion Collins, read, mark well, and inwardly digest, and then "rise and explain."

The following sentences deserve to be inscribed in letters of gold on the walls of every Chapter room.

The question of dispensing with the annual visits of the Grand Lecturer is to some extent an experiment, and is a matter as to the expediency and propriety of which each Chapter and Companion must judge by individual experience. If some plan could be devised which would look more to teaching the matter, rather than the manner of our ritual; more to the grand truths and sublime lessons of morality, charity and virtue taught by its symbolisms, I believe it would be of incalculable benefit.

The relation of mere ritualism to the spirit and genius of Masonry is after all very much the relation of clothes to their wearer—he might cut rather a sorry figure in society without them, and yet they have but little part in his usefulness. We sometimes talk, rather grandiloquently, perhaps, about making Masons, and we do go through certain forms and ceremonies which marks their reception into the fraternity, and I sometimes think when beset by some obtrusive book agent, clothed with Masonic jewelry as with a garment, who endeavors to make his Masonry induce you to subscribe for the matchless volume he peddles, or when I see our emblems emblazoned upon a saloon sign, that they are samples of man made Masons, and that the Almighty had as little to do with their Masonry as with the religion of Dean Swift's convert who was drunk in the gutter.

Unless a candidate, by intuitive perception, or our elucidation while passing through the ceremonies, acquires some idea of the lessons their symbolisms are intended to inculcate, we do but little towards making him a Mason other than in name, and I sometimes think that Masons after all are like poets, born; and that our making is simply a recognition of what the Great Creator had made them in the beginning.

There was nothing in the legislation requiring comment, unless indeed, we speak of the whole convocation as evincing a condition of peace and prosperity to the Royal Craft.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion J. P. C. Cottrill, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters with marked ability, and much real humor. (Companion Dove, you remember, calls it frivolity).

Connecticut is by no means neglected. Of the semi-annual convocation at New Britain, he says:

Twenty-five Chapters represented and five delinquent; and the latter were required to show cause at the annual convocation, why they should

not be fined for non attendance. The semi-annuals here seem to be held chiefly for this purpose ; though this time all the degrees were conferred by Giddings Chapter, in the presence of the Grand Chapter, and the lectures of all were rehearsed in full.

For the information of our Companion, we will say, that the object of our semi-annuals is the exemplification of the work, and hence the requirement of representation by every chapter. We think the system expensive, however, and not by any means as profitable as a proper system of visitation and instruction, and predict no more semi-annuals.

Referring to M.: E.: Companion Stearns' address he says :

A temporary increase of fees is recommended, in order to furnish a fund for compiling and publishing the earlier records of this Grand Body, and an historical sketch of Royal Arch Masonry in that State. The committee on the address, however, made no recommendation on this subject ; and so we will, (though it's none of our business, we admit,) which is that the fines for non-attendance at the semi-annuals be appropriated to this purpose.

If Companion Cottrill will wipe his spectacles and take another look, he will see that the Committee on address, recommended that this matter be referred to a special Committee, which was done. The resolution on the subject reported by that Committee and which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, he will find at the foot of page 538. We accept his apology.

This is the way he condenses our proceedings :

Representatives from New York, Arkansas and Oregon, were received and duly accredited. The correspondence report was directed to be printed hereafter in advance of the annual convocation and distributed at the opening ; a very sensible idea, and one that is being gradually adopted in the several jurisdictions. It ought to be in all. Darius Chapter, through the committee on delinquences, having been duly arraigned, waived reading of the indictment and plead guilty to the charge of non-attendance at the semi-annual, but received no mercy, and was incontinently mulcted eight dollars—the price of several nutmegs with a grater thrown in. No suspension, and but one expulsion ; nothing for the Committee on Grievances ; a session of one day completed the business ; and so we repeat (under correction of Companion Lockwood) what we said last year ; happy

and prosperous Connecticut, not even a nutmeg to grate—that is, that needs grating.

This Grand Chapter has its By-laws; it don't seem to have any Constitution—at least none is published—and being now in its seventy-fifth year, we suppose like Charles Lamb, it has worn the Constitution entirely out and now lives under the By-laws. One of them is very suggestive; Article 4, which provides that this Grand Chapter shall superintend *the police* of the several subordinates. Is the Grand High Priest here, chief of police, and has he detectives, and if so, how many to aid him in the execution of his high office.

We will only say that we believe with M.: E.: Companion Collins, “that those who are governed least are governed best,” and have found the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, to answer all our fundamental necessities very satisfactorily so far, and to require only brief supplement in the shape of By-Laws. He has us, though, on the police question: but we are glad he didn't read two lines more, and perpetrate a bad joke on the uniform.

Upon the “jurisdictional question,” with which he couples our name, after referring him to our remarks to Companion Phillans, of Alabama, we venture the opinion that territorial jurisdiction of Grand and Subordinate Masonic bodies, applies only to the profane and non-affiliates. Lodges and Chapters have jurisdiction over their *members* wheresoever they may be dispersed, and Grand bodies likewise over all the members of their subordinates. Is the question answered?

M.: E.: C. F. G. Collins, Grand High Priest of Beloit, and R.: E.: William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary, of Milwaukee, were both re-elected. Companion J. P. Cotterill was re-appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We believe he hails from Milwaukee, but don't find his address given. He too used to be “of New York;” perhaps he still is.

WEST VIRGINIA.

A Convention of Royal Arch Masons of the State of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Wheeling, on the 16th of
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November, Anno Inventionis 2401, A. D. 1871, to take into consideration the expediency of organizing a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for West Virginia.

Companion L. A. Luce, of Lebanon Chapter, No. 9, was elected President of the Convention, and Companion O. S. Long, of Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 19, Secretary.

The roll of Royal Arch Chapters in West Virginia was called when the following named Companions appeared duly credited as delegates and entitled, according to the usages of the Masonic Fraternity, to membership in a Grand Royal Arch Chapter :

*Lebanon Chapter,
Star of the West Chapter,*

No. 9—Llewellyn A. Luce, H. P.
“ 18—Charles T. B. Moore, P. of H.
Samuel B. Bendall, Rep.
Frank W. Sisson, Rep.

Wheeling Union Chapter,

“ 19—Thomas H. Logan, P. H. P.
Jacob M. Warden, P. K.
William T. Derry, P. K.
Elijah Day, P. K.
John H. Stallman, P. S.
Odell S. Long, H. P.
Charles Y. Lucas, King.
M. A. Chandler, Scribe.

*Nelson Chapter,
Jerusalem Chapter,*

“ 26—Henry Reed, H. P.
“ 55—Frank Rex, P. H. P.
Alvaro F. Gibbens, H. P.

VISITORS.

M. E. John P. Little, Grand High Priest; Companions Thomas Lewis, James A. Kibbe, F. C. Winship, Hugh Sterling, W. H. Irwin, and Timothy Bliss, of Wheeling Union Chapter, No. 19, and Companion Thomas J. Finney, of Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, Pennsylvania.

Announcement was thereupon made that a constitutional number of delegates were present and that a majority of the Royal Arch Chapters in the State were legally represented.

It was then on motion unanimously

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Royal Arch Chapters in West Virginia, in Convention assembled, that it is expedient to now organize a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of West Virginia.

Resolved, That an election be now held for the choice of officers to constitute a Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Ballots were then had, each Chapter represented being entitled to cast three votes, and resulted in the choice of the following Companions :

M.: E.: Thomas H. Logan, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Frank Rex, Grand King.

R.: E.: Llewellyn A. Luce, Grand Scribe.

R.: E.: Elijah Day, Grand Treasurer.

R.: E.: Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary.

On motion, the Convention was then declared dissolved.

L. A. LUCE, President.

O. S. LONG, Secretary.

The new Grand Chapter thus organized thereupon convened, and the Grand Officers elect were installed in ample form by M.: E.: John P. Little, Grand High Priest, of Virginia, who concluded the ceremonies with an able and fraternal address.

Resolutions were then voted adopting temporarily the "Text Book," laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Virginia; fixing the time of annual convocations; appointing a committee to prepare a constitution and general regulations; thanking Grand High Priest Little for his presence, address and services in the constitution of the new Grand Chapter; authorizing the Grand Treasurer to make the necessary financial arrangements; and providing for the publication of the proceedings, the procurement of a seal, &c.; and the Grand Chapter was closed until the Thursday after the second Tuesday in November, 1872. We regret that we have not received the proceedings of that convocation. For this reason we are unable to report the names and addresses of the present officers.

We cannot let this opportunity pass, without tendering our fraternal greetings, and expressing our earnest hopes for the continued and increasing prosperity and happiness of our Companions in their new jurisdiction.

Thus companions, have we imperfectly performed the duty allotted us. We have done so, with an ever present consciousness of the disadvantage of our position, following as we do, two of the most prominent Masons, and most able reporters of

our day—Companions Wm. Storer and Luke A. Lockwood—and the knowledge, that our report must suffer much by comparison with those by which it has been preceded. Were it not for the kind encouragement we received at your hands a year ago, we should have been very loath to undertake the task; and we have often regretted doing so, lest we should not be able to meet your requirements and expectations. We can only add that we have done our best to make the report worthy of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, and crave your indulgence for the many particulars in which we have under-shot our mark.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JNO. N. LEWIS, *Committee.*

ERRATA.

On page 1, after Kentucky, for "1873," read "1872."

" 3, in line 25, for these," read "them."

" 5, in line 13, for "this," read "the."

" 9, in line 29, after "however" insert "instead of."

" "We" begins a new sentence.

" 14, in line 18, for "defuse," read "define."

" 17, in line 1, for "charities," read "charters."

" 17, at end of last line but one, for "stalements" read "comments."

" 18, in line 18, for "their read "this."

" 27, in line 31, after "discipline" insert "instead of."

" "Upon" begins a new sentence.

" 34, in line 16, after "knew" insert "how."

" 38, in line 7, for "and," read "as."

J. N. L.

Order of High Priesthood.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Convention of High Priests in Royal Arch Masonry, of the State of Connecticut, held in the temple, in the city of New Haven, on the 13th of May A. D. 1873, A. B. 3784, the following officers and M. E. Companions were present :

M. E. JOHN H. BARLOW,	M. E. P.
" EDMUND TWEEDY,	E. V. P.
" STEPHEN T. BARTLETT,	E. Chap.
" CHARLES W. STEARNS,	E. T. and R.
" WILLIAM W. LEE,	E. M. of C.
" DWIGHT PHELPS,	E. Cond.
" A. R. BLAKESLEE.	E. Her.
" AUG. C. GOLDING,	E. Stew.
" CYRUS GOODELL,	E. Sent.

Companions, Edmund Holcomb, I. W. Carpenter, Chester Tilden, O. P. Jacobs, H. H. Lane, William Freeston, Leroy Brainard. Charles W. Skiff. Eli S. Quintard, Amos Beecher, George Crabtree, John L. Devotion.

The Grand Convention was opened in due form, applications were received from the following M. E. Companions, soliciting the honor of being admitted to the Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. HENRY L. WHEELER,	Hiram	Chapter, No. 1.
" HENRY BRADLEY,	Solomon	" No. 3.
" FLAVEL N. BLISS,	Washington	" No. 6.
" CHARLES S. BILLINGS,	Trinity	" No. 9.
" ORRIN J. LEWIS,	Warren	" No. 12.
" LORENZO R. KING,	Meridian	" No. 15.
" WILLIAM S. TODD,	Jerusalem	" No. 19.
" FRANCIS R. GILLET,	Lafayette	" No. 20.
" GEORGE W. SMITH,	Washington,	" No. 24.
" EDWIN O. HIBBARD,	Keystone,	" No. 27.
" JOHN I. HUTCHINSON,	Burning Bush	" No. 29.
" LESTER GOODENOUGH,	Pequaubuck,	" No. 32.
" ALBERT S. HILL,	Ousatonic,	" No. 33.
" ELLSWORTH B. STRONG,	Freestone,	" No. 34.
" GEORGE W. SPAULDING,	Moosup	" No. 37.

Having presented certificates of election and due installation to the office of High Priest of their respective Chapters, they were balloted for and declared elected. They were then admitted to the Grand Convention and solemnly anointed in accordance with ancient usage.

The Grand Convention then proceeded to the choice of officers, and the following M. E. Companions were elected :

M. E. JOHN H. BARLOW,	M. E. P.
" EDMUND TWEEDY,	E. V. P.
" STEPHEN T. BARTETT,	E. Chap.
" CHARLES W. STEARNS,	E. T. and R.
" WILLIAM W. LEE,	E. M. of C.
" DWIGHT PHELPS,	E. Cond.
" A. R. BLAKESLEE,	E. Her.
" AUG. C. GOLDING,	E. Stew.
" CYRUS GOODELL,	E. Sent.

On motion of M. E. Companion Tweedy, the sum of five dollars was appropriated to the Grand Sentinel.

On motion, it was voted that the sum of five dollars be appropriated for the use of the Chapter Room by the Grand Convention.

On motion, it was voted that the sum of three dollars be paid to Companion Charles Hooghkirk for many valuable services rendered to the Grand Convention.

No further business being offered, the Grand Convention was closed in due form.

JOHN H. BARLOW,

M. E. P.

CHARLES W. STEARNS,

E. Recorder.



